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Column One
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1955 has come in quietly. Mr. Malenkov has wished it a peaceful co-existence and so, in effect, has Mr. Dulles. It is a modest wish and we shall rejoice if it is fulfilled. If the Big Brother and the Wicked Uncle are in the mood to co-exist the little ones may get to feeling the same way; and the habit of co-existence may spread.

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BUT the innocence of these first, fragile days of 1955 should not deceive us. As the year grows up it will develop its share of mischief, we may be sure of that. There may be a General Election in Britain, there will be in Israel; someone may be assassinated, someone kidnapped or imprisoned so that the wrath of his countrymen is stirred up. It would be silly to expect the year to advance to Hywhite, virtuous maturity. Years never do. But there is a good chance that it may have more sense than last year had; and for that we should be thankful.

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ITS sponsors seem to wish that to happen. Some time ago it was possible to say that certain Americans in high places were ready, because of the immense strength and the atomic superiority of the United States, to risk war rather than patiently seek a way of avoiding war. That is not so now. At any rate, General Eisenhower and Mr. Dulles and their Administration lately have left no one in any doubt of their wish for peace. Most responsible members of the Republican Party seem to realise not only that the people of the United States want peace but also that the Party more likely to ensure peace is the one more likely to provide the next President.

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AND, on the evidence, this tendency would appear to have been strengthened by the fact that 1955 has come at a time when America, Britain and France are co-operating in genuine unity. Anyway, that is how it looks to the observer. It must be how it looks also to Mr. Malenkov, who seems to have his fair share of wits. He lost the Paris gamble. Now he must either cut that loss or, so to speak, begin doubling his bets. If he doubles his bets he will make war much more likely and may even lose certain friends, including China, who seems in no mood to back a reckless gambler. The fact seems to be that Malenkov is not that kind of man and that he will prefer to cut the loss he suffered at Paris.

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ON the face of it, that is the meaning of what he has been telling a certain Mr. Schott for relaying, by way of television, to the American public and by way of the newspapers to all other publics. Of course, on the face of it is not necessarily in the heart of it. But it does no harm to give Mr. Malenkov the benefit of the doubt, especially as only a Russian fool would want to go to war against America and her allies, and Mr. Malenkov, whatever else he may be, is not a fool. He is a Communist but also he is a Russian; and the Russians, who have been doing fairly well lately, getting better food, more commodity goods, and, it would seem from the newspaper editors and politicians who have been visiting Russia lately, more freedom as well, are as little likely to feel friendly towards Russian warmakers as the Americans to feel friendly towards American war-makers.

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NOBODY is asking 1955 to give us a year of positive goodwill between the nations; a cessation of ill-will should do. Nobody is asking it to end all trouble everywhere and we may be sure that it will not do so. There will be crisis in France, crisis in Germany, shocks and alarms in the Far East and perhaps even the Middle East. What we do ask is that the Big Brother and the Wicked Uncle, in whose possession lies the fate of the world, should not stir up national crises into world crises, or raise regional shocks and alarms to the status of global shocks and alarms. Perhaps that is the meaning of Mr. Malenkov. For when the great Powers stop trying to take profit from the internal malaise of nations and their regional quarrels those maladies and quarrels will grow less. In any event, 1955 is starting off with a heavy load on its back but with fair chance of the load's lightening before it gets far. And what a blessing it will be, for ordinary people who have so little say in these big matters, if some of the burdens can be lowered and the year get through with straightened back, towards the goal of peace and prosperity. It is high time a New Year started off on that prospect.

Jerusalem, January 2.

BIAM TO ADDRESS STAGE, OPERA STARS

NEW YORK, Sunday (UPA). — The Israel Ambassador, Mr. Abba Eban, will speak to many stage, radio and TV stars on Wednesday night, next the American Fund for Israel Institutions conducts a big fund-raising TV show dinner. The fund's goal is the completion of the Israel National Theatre Habimah in Jerusalem.

Ho Sees Indo-China To Reconcile China, West

By DENNIS FLOODWORTH

HANOI, Sunday (OFNS).—In an exclusive interview granted to me yesterday, President Ho Chi Minh stressed that the Democratic Republic of Vietnam had a close and special relationship with People's China, but that Vietminh policy in international affairs would be primarily devoted to bridging the gap between China and the Western nations.

He pointed out that, despite differences in political structures, Communist and non-Communist Asian states were now drawing together on the basis of a mutual desire for peaceful co-existence.

Replying to written questions submitted in advance, the Vietminh President declared: "Democratic Vietnam and People's China are brother countries. The bridge between East and West is a policy of peace, friendship and good relations between all countries irrespective of the differences in their political regimes—a policy pursued by the countries of the democratic camp and other countries of Asia. As for us, we are applying this policy and are working resolutely to contribute to the consolidation of peace and amity between peoples."

Ho Chi Minh

Reticent on French Union

Mr. Ho Chi Minh was, however, more reserved when asked about possible future Vietminh participation in the French Union once Vietnam was unified, and replied that this would be discussed between the French and Vietminh Governments "if there is a desire for it on both sides."

Questioned as to what his Government would do if South Vietnam blocked the holding in July, 1956, of the general elections prescribed by the Geneva Agreement, the President said, "We firmly believe that the agreement will be respected and that elections will be held on time and our country will be unified." He denied that any separate elections would be held in the Democratic Republic prior to these general elections. When asked under what conditions the general elections should take place and whether the Vietminh would be represented by the Lien Viet, the National Front coalition, he stipulated:

"The elections must be universal, free, democratic and secret. Those who so desire should be able to present themselves as individual candidates or on separate lists."

Gov't Broadly Based

Mr. Ho Chi Minh emphasized that the Vietminh Government was already widely representative of different political and social groups in Vietnam: "It includes members of different political parties, social classes and religious beliefs," he affirmed. "For example, we have a Minister who is a Catholic, a Secretary of State who is a member of the Royal Family, and many other Ministers who belong to no political party. We intend to broaden the Government, (solely) according to the needs of our work and with competent personalities devoted to the people."

Asked whether he favoured Vietminh fusion with a conciliatory government in the South before July, 1956, or preferred to wait for the general elections, confident that the Vietminh would win them and take over complete control, President Ho answered: "We hope that South Vietnam will have a government respecting the Geneva Agreement, with which we shall be able to come to an understanding in order to unify the country by a general election."

When questioned, however, as to whether he would regard the replacement of the Ngo Dinh Diem Government by a coalition administration formed by Chief of State Bao Dai as a step towards peace and unity, he countered non-committally: "We are ready to collaborate with all those who respect the Geneva Agreement and desire peace and unity in Vietnam."

An acerbic note crept into Mr. Ho Chi Minh's remarks when commenting on the International Control Commission. "It has worked hard," he said, "to ensure the application of the Geneva Agreement. It would have obtained better results if its work had not been undermined by the American interventionists and their French and Vietnamese lackeys."

President Ho's replies were given to me at an informal meeting in the former Bao Dai palace here. Mr. Pham Van Dong, the Foreign Minister, played host and President Ho, looking fit and energetic, touched on a variety of subjects in his very competent English.

Ho Calls for Closer Ties with South

LONDON, Sunday (UP). — President Ho Chi Minh told a mass New Year rally in Hanoi yesterday that "we must enhance the close economic and cultural relations between the North and South" of Vietnam.

He also said that his Government must support "our compatriots in the South in their struggle for democratic liberties in conformity with the Geneva Agreement."

President Ho's speech was broadcast by Peking Radio, monitored here.

Meanwhile in Paris yesterday, a Franco-Vietnam agreement was signed setting up a direct monetary link between France and South Vietnam. It followed the conclusion of a quadripartite accord between France and the Indo-China states of South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

At the same time, France dissolved the four-way commercial, economic and monetary union with the three states concluded in 1950 in favour of a series of bilateral agreements with each, thus in effect restoring their economic independence.

USSR PLEDGES SUPPORT TO SOCIALISM IN CHINA

MOSCOW, Sunday (Reuter). — Marshal Klementi Voroshilov, the Soviet President, has pledged Russia's "full and unconditional support in the task of building and defending Socialism in China" in an article published in yesterday's issue of the official Chinese Communist Party newspaper.

Marshal Voroshilov's article was reprinted in today's "Pravda" and quoted in full by TASS.

Referring to Formosa, Marshal Voroshilov said, "The Chinese people have set themselves the task of liberating Taiwan (Formosa) and thus completing the struggle for the union of all Chinese lands. This task fully corresponds to the interests of peace and security in the Far East."

President Voroshilov said that the Chinese observer at the conference of European Communist states in Moscow had indicated that "the Chinese people will not remain a passive observer of European events," and that "this knowledge fills the free peoples with even more confidence in the triumph of their just cause."

Summerskill Wants To Reconcile Israel, Arabs

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — Dr. Edith Summerskill, Labour M.P., left here by air tonight for a three-week tour of Israel and the Arab countries.

At London Airport Dr. Summerskill said, "There is a great deal of ill-feeling between Arabs and Jews. What I should like to do more than anything else is somehow to help them to come to some kind of understanding. I am in the unique position of having friends among both Jews and Arabs."

She added, "I want to see places where there have been frontier incidents. While I am there I shall see as much as I can of what the countries are doing in the sphere of social service."

Dr. Summerskill, former Minister of National Insurance, has been invited to address several organizations. She will be in Israel for a fortnight at the invitation of the Israel Government.

The Jordan Government has granted her facilities to cross the frontier to visit friends. She will spend about a week in the Arab countries.

Mr. James Griffiths, Labour M.P., flew to Israel with Dr. Summerskill to spend a fortnight there studying social services and trade unions.

CZECHS MAY PAY UP MONETARY FUND DUES

WASHINGTON, Sunday. — Czechoslovakia, expelled from the International Monetary Fund, was willing to honour membership obligations, authorities here said today. She was expelled for failure to pay $650,000 as part of her required subscription to the fund's capital stock.

Eisenhower Prepares 1955 Programme

WASHINGTON, Sunday (Reuter). — President Eisenhower today put finishing touches to a "peace and prosperity" programme for 1955 which he will present to the new Democratic-controlled 84th Congress which convenes on Wednesday.

The Democrats, who wrested power from the Republicans in both the Senate and House of Representatives in the election last November, are likely to help rather than hinder the President on two important political battlegrounds—foreign policy and plans for a more liberal trade programme.

The President will outline his policies in the "State of the Union" message to a joint session of the two Houses on Thursday. In this, he will discuss what he seeks from Congress to implement his "progressive moderate" policies in foreign and domestic affairs. He faces greater unanimity on a number of domestic issues.

After two years with the Republicans in full command, Mr. Eisenhower now has to handle a Congress in which the Democrats will have the chairmanships of all Senate and House committees.

Both parties will hold caucuses on Tuesday in both chambers to frame negotiating plans.

With the support of independent Senator Wayne Morse, the Democrats will have a two-vote margin in the Senate. The House Make-up will be 233 Democrats and 201 Republicans.

Nehru May Ask UN Secretary To Widen China Talks

NEW DELHI, Sunday (Reuter) — Prime Minister Nehru and Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, U.N. Secretary-General, will have their first formal meeting here tomorrow just before the latter's departure for China.

Mr. Hammarskjold, who arrived from Paris earlier today on his way to Peking to discuss the release of 11 imprisoned American airmen, dined tonight with the Secretary-General of the External Affairs Ministry, Mr. N.R. Pillai, and it was thought that he might have a brief informal talk with Mr. Nehru.

Mr. Nehru, who arrived here from Calcutta today only two hours before Mr. Hammarskjold, told reporters at the airport that he had received no indication from China that she might reconsider the case of the airmen who were jailed on espionage charges.

He added that Mr. Hammarskjold's trip to Peking and the case of the airmen showed "the unreality of excluding China from the United Nations."

Asked his opinion about the U.N. Secretary-General's visit, the Premier said, "I am glad he is going, and whatever the result of his mission, it will do some good."

China and U.N.

Mr. Nehru is expected to suggest to Mr. Hammarskjold that he should use the trip not only to discuss the airmen, but to open the way for talks on other issues between China and the West, thus improving the chance of China's admission to the U.N.

But when Mr. Hammarskjold himself was asked by reporters here whether any bigger issues than that of the imprisoned men would come up during his talks with the Chinese Premier, Mr. Chou En-lai, he replied: "I can only remind you that I have a special brief from the U.N., which is to deal with the problem of 11 American airmen and other remaining prisoners from Korea."

(The New China News Agency reported today that an American civilian jailed for life as a spy, had admitted in a "written deposition" that his plane had been shot down in North East China while trying to pick up an agent dropped there the previous month. The Agency issued the alleged declaration in which the American, John Downey, said that he worked for the U.S. General Intelligence Agency in Japan and was in charge of training spies who later were parachuted into China. Downey was sentenced last year.)

New Military Attaches To France, Italy

Aluf-Mishne Emanuel Nishri has been appointed Military Attache to France and the Benelux countries, the Army spokesman announced yesterday.

He replaces Aluf-Mishne Shimon Syrkin, who has completed his tour of duty and is due to return to this country.

Aluf-Mishne Shlomo Erell has been appointed Military Attache to Italy in place of Sgan-Aluf Evi Keinan.

Aluf-Mishne Erell commanded the Israel flotilla which aided in the rescue and relief operation during the earthquake at Kephallena last summer.

3 Clashes with Armed Infiltrators in Week

Three clashes between armed infiltrators and Israel security forces occurred in the week ending December 30, the Army spokesman announced yesterday.

During that period, the Israel border was crossed several times for purposes of ploughing and there were several thefts of irrigation pipes and work equipment.

Mayor Ill, Flood Debate Delayed

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Because of the sudden illness of Mayor Haim Levanon, the Council meeting which should have been held tonight to discuss the action taken for the flood victims has been postponed for two days.

The postponement decision, which was carried by the coalition majority, followed a storm of protest from the Labour groups on the Council, who had first demanded that a meeting on this subject take place. Several speakers of this faction pointed out that the absence of the Mayor should not mean a stoppage of Council meetings and that one of the three Deputy Mayors should have been sufficiently well versed in what is going on to have been able to present a report to the Council.

Mr. Sa'adia Shoshani, the Deputy Mayor who chaired the meeting, promised that the subject would be discussed at the next meeting even if the Mayor could not attend.

The Municipality began a general survey today of the flood damage. The Municipality's Social Welfare Department meanwhile has distributed 5,000 items of clothing donated by the public. There is still an insufficient supply, the Director of the Department has announced.

The 800 persons (70 per cent of whom are children) in Tel Aviv and Jaffa, who were stranded by the floods were housed in several shelters and received clothing, food and blankets. Food was distributed three times daily with special rations for babies. Some 20 persons, mostly children, were taken to hospital.

Most of the Tel Aviv evacuees returned to their homes on Friday. Jaffa residents were due to return today.

Several Jaffa houses unfit for habitation were destroyed by order of the Municipality. Municipal engineers have repaired damage as far as possible.

The Ministry for Social Welfare is still receiving requests for aid. Thus far, it has supplied 4,190 persons with IL.1,000 in cash for food and first aid, IL.4,000 worth of clothing and mattresses and 50,000 items of clothes and shoes from its stock. The Ministry has also supplied the Tel Aviv Municipality with IL.1,000 for clothing and equipment.

The Ministry has aided 600 persons in the Petah Tikva area; Haron, 200; Hiriya, 200; Bakiya Aleph, 200; Bakiya Bet, 200; Kfar Ono, 60; Rosh Ha'ayin, 400; Yavne, 300; Bnei Brak Quarter, 80; Mizrayim, 200; Ra'anana, 100; Emek Hefer, 250; Gezer, 150; and the Tel Aviv Municipality, 500.

Yesterday's contributors to the Beit Hanassai Flood Victims Fund include Messrs. M. Silberblat, Jerusalem (IL.50); Ya'acov Pat, Herzliya (IL.15); A. Blisch, Jerusalem (IL.50); P. Nagbstadt, Minister of Agriculture, (IL.50); M. Shapiro, Minister for Religious Affairs and for Social Welfare, (IL.50); Foreign Ministry workers (IL.100); Dr. Carl and Helena Reich, Jerusalem (IL.10); President's Office workers (IL.15); Mr. A. H. Cohen, Jerusalem (IL.5); Abulafia family, Jerusalem (IL.5); Dr. E. Hirschberg, Jerusalem (IL.10).

This brings the sum already donated to IL.1,325.

Contributions to the Beit Hanassai Fund will be accepted at Postal Bank branches throughout the country. The number of the account is 105.

Planes Join Search For Missing Hikers

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — Aircraft are aiding army units in their search for a boy and girl, both 17, who have not been seen since they left Sdom more than a week ago to hike to Ein Gedi, about 50 kilometres to the north.

The hunt for the missing pair, Shoshana Har Zion, of Beit Alpha, and Ovad Weinstock, of Degania "A," has been in progress for several days.

Terrorists Kill 3 in Morocco

CASABLANCA, Sunday (Reuter). — Shopkeepers in the new Arab quarter of Casablanca hurriedly put up their shutters today after three men had been killed in terrorist attacks.

A French grocer, Georges Louis, was shot in the back in the new Arab town. Earlier, a Moroccan cloth merchant, Tahar Sebti, was shot in the centre of the European town, apparently by a burst of tommy-gun fire.

In nearby Rabat, a terrorist shot dead a Moroccan policeman outside the police station at midday today. The murderer escaped.

US House Group Wants Isolation of E. Europe

WASHINGTON, Monday (UP). — A special House Committee today urged that all the nations of the free world, acting in concert, withdraw diplomatic recognition and all commercial dealings from Russia and her allies.

It described these steps as part of a "bold and positive policy" which would at the same time reject both "peaceful coexistence" and atomic war.

EGYPTIAN TORTURE DROVE NINO TO ATTEMPT SUICIDE

CAIRO, Sunday (Reuter). — A defence lawyer stated in court tonight that Marcelle Nino, accused of belonging to a "Zionist spy ring," had tried to commit suicide because "she was tortured, beaten up and forced to talk during investigations."

The pretty brunette is one of 10 Jews facing trial before a special military tribunal.

A prominent Egyptian lawyer appearing as defence counsel, Yussef Gharian, asked the court to acquit Marcelle, who has been described in court as the chief link between the Cairo and Alexandria branches of the alleged ring.

Marcelle Nino

He said that she was innocent, though in the eyes of the public she was considered a traitor and the prosecution had asked for a death sentence in her case.

Marcelle Nino's only crime, he continued, was to accept financial help from John Darling, alleged ringleader of the group, to help her mother who has cancer.

The defence said that Marcelle had joined the group formed by Darling for the purpose of helping Jews to emigrate from Egypt to Israel.

The court adjourned until tomorrow.

CABINET DISCUSSES BAT GALIM ISSUE

Questions connected with the Bat Galim were discussed at yesterday's weekly meeting of the Cabinet, the official announcement stated.

The Cabinet also began its discussion of the Inheritance Law, and appointed Dr. Giora Josephthal Deputy Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Bank of Israel.

German Unity Now Top Item on Bonn Programme

Overture to Russia Seen First Step

BONN, Sunday. — German unity is expected to move to the top of the West German Government's foreign policy programme for 1955. Now that the Paris Treaties for the incorporation of a sovereign West Germany in Atlantic defence are almost certain of ratification in the first few months of the year, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer will be able to concentrate on an East-West settlement over Germany.

One of the first steps will be an overture to Russia to test the ground for an exchange of trade representatives and then of ambassadors with Moscow, according to usually reliable government sources.

So far, West Germany's official business with East European countries has been carried on under the aegis of the Western occupying powers. The approaching end of occupation will entitle Bonn to approach Moscow on its own account.

May Quit Foreign Ministry

Dr. Adenauer is expected to resign the Foreign Ministry to Heinrich von Brentano, the leader of the Christian Democrats in the Bundestag (Lower House), in a few weeks' time. It can be confidently assumed, however, that he will keep the general direction of foreign policy on German unity in his own hands.

Meanwhile, East Germany kept up their offensive against West Germany's rearmament.

Speaking at a New Year party given by President Wilhelm Pieck, Prime Minister Otto Grotewohl pledged that East Germany will fulfil all commitments to her "peaceful" neighbours in meeting the danger created by West German rearmament.

He said that the East German parliament would pass legislation this year to secure the "peaceful build-up of the German Democratic Republic against military aggression."

He also stated that implementation of the Paris Agreements would prevent German unification for a long time.

(Reuter, UP)

Workers Free Tanker Blocking Suez

ISMAILIA, Sunday. — Frantically labouring workmen today freed the tanker World Peace from the entangling steel of the wrecked El Ferdan railroad bridge in the Suez Canal and officials said the first convoy of trapped ships may get through at noon tomorrow.

A giant three-phase operation began today to clear the Suez Canal, blocked on New Year's eve when the tanker crashed into the railway bridge.

The operation included the righting of the tanker which is listing slightly to port; cutting off the bridge span, which will be lifted by a 150-ton floating crane; the clearing by divers of any debris on the Canal bed and the refloating of the tanker which grounded after the accident.

Hundreds of engineers, technicians and workers toiled around the clock to disentangle the tanker from the bridge section locked on its deck, and to refloat the vessel.

Both east-bound and west-bound ships have piled up at Port Said and Suez, the northern and southern terminals of the Canal, as well as in the Timsah and Great Bitter Lakes, south of Ismailia. (UP, Reuter)

CROSSMAN IN AMMAN

AMMAN, Sunday (Reuter). — The British Labour M.P., Mr. Richard Crossman, is to discuss Israel-Arab questions and Arab refugee problems in Amman next Sunday with Walid Salah, the Jordan Foreign Minister.

Israel Asking USSR To Forgo Veto

Israel is doing her utmost to ensure that the Soviet Union will not utilise its power of veto in the U.N. Security Council, which is scheduled to meet on Tuesday to discuss Israel's complaint regarding free passage through the Suez Canal and the Bat Galim incident, "Hador" reported yesterday.

(It has been announced, meanwhile, that the meeting may not take place before Thursday.)

It was pointed out that the Soviet Union has thus far made no commitment regarding its attitude on this issue. But Israel hopes that a Russian promise not to use its veto in the forthcoming session may hasten the work of the Western powers to reach a positive and final solution to the Suez problem.

In his meeting on Friday with the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Alexander Abramov, the Premier and Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, outlined Israel's firm stand on freedom of passage through the Suez Canal. It was said that the Soviet Ambassador refrained from committing himself and promised to notify his Government of the subject of the conversation.

Sharett Congratulates Bat Galim Crew

Seven of the 10 Bat Galim crew members arrived at their homes in Haifa on Saturday night.

During the reception held for the crew members at the Tel Aviv Haisen office of the Foreign Ministry, the captain, Zvi Shidlo, was called to the phone to receive the personal greetings of the Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett. Mr. Sharett welcomed the captain home and hoped that the ship would soon follow. Mr. Shidlo seconded Mr. Sharett's wish, and thanked the Prime Minister for his New Year's greeting which was received on the ship's wireless, "Hador" reports.

Abu'l Huda Reticent on London Talks

The Jordan Premier, Tewfik Abu'l Huda, reported to his Cabinet yesterday on the recent London talks on revision of the Anglo-Jordan treaty, but announced that no public statement would be made on the results of the parley's according to NEARE. He had returned to Amman on Saturday.

Abu'l Huda said that he was awaiting a reply from the British Government but could give no date as to the resumption of the talks. He stated further that he would also report to the parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee.

The London talks broke down because the British rejected the request to pay the military grant of £8m. to the Arab Legion directly to the Jordan authorities as payment for the lease of two British airfields in Mafrak and Amman.

This was reported on Saturday by the London correspondent of the Cairo weekly, "Akhbar el Yom."

Although the change demanded would have been a mere formality, Jordan had insisted on it for reasons of prestige, and to avoid constant Arab charges of receiving charity from Britain, the paper said. It was pointed out that if the grant is paid in return for the lease of the airfields, it would not have "the same smell" for the Arab nationalists.

The paper stated that the Jordan delegation did not raise the question of withdrawal of British troops from Jordan nor the removal from the Arab Legion of its British commander, Gen. John Glubb, and other British staff officers, as often demanded by the extreme nationalists.

TO STUDY EILAT UNDERSEA LIFE

MARSEILLES, Sunday (UP). —An underwater expedition led by M. Serge de Sese and M. Jean Albert Fur left here today aboard the Israel ship Negbah. The 14-man expedition intends to study underwater life in the Gulf of Eilat, and will spend two months there.

USSR Offers to Swap 2 U.S. Prisoners

WASHINGTON, Sunday (Reuter). — The State Department said tonight that Russia had promised to free two Americans who are holding prisoners. The Department said the promise was made in a note delivered on Friday to the American Embassy in Moscow.

Russia demanded in return the handing over of 11 Soviet children now in West Germany, the Department said.

The two Americans to be freed are Mr. William T. Marchuk, 38, and Mr. John H. Noble, 31. Mr. Marchuk was arrested by Soviet troops in Dresden in February, 1949. Mr. Noble was a prisoner since 1948. He was taken to Germany from the U.S. as a boy before World War II.

The children in question are those of Soviet personnel who were in Germany during the last war.

Soviet Official Missing

VIENNA, Sunday (UP). — Soviet officials reported today that one of their high administrative officials in Austria has disappeared, Austrian police said.

He was identified as Mr. Grigori Rapalov, 42, "General Director" in Russia's network of Austrian enterprises.

Austrian police reported that they were told that Mr. Rapalov had vanished early on New Year's day. He was last seen near the Red Army Bridge which crosses the Danube in the city's Soviet sector.

Soviet central military headquarters in Vienna asked the Austrian police to cooperate in the hunt.

London Paper Wants Gov't Position for Windsor

LONDON, Sunday (UP). — A Socialist Sunday newspaper urged Britain today to stop "treating the Duke of Windsor like the black sheep of the royal family" and give him a top Government post.

The mass circulation paper "The People" thus joined a growing section of opinion that after nearly 18 years of exile the King who gave up his throne to marry a commoner should be allowed to return to his nation's service. It went one step further and proposed that the Government make official use of his "undoubted talents" perhaps as governor or high commissioner of a Commonwealth nation.

Trade Deficit Narrowed

Israel's trade deficit dropped by $19.2m. during the first 11 months of last year as compared with the corresponding period of 1953, according to figures released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics and Economic Research. The deficit was $154.8m.

During the first 11 months of 1954, exports were valued at $79.8m. as compared with $53.2m. in 1953.

Imports during the corresponding period were valued at $234.3, an increase of $7m. over the previous year.

Ben Gurion to Meet General Zionists

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Mr. David Ben Gurion is expected to meet General Zionist leaders by the end of the week, probably in Tel Aviv. The General Zionists accepted the invitation last week, but the date and the place have not yet been fixed.

DRAFT BUDGET

The Ministerial Committee for Budget Affairs yesterday discussed the detailed draft budget for 1955/56 which was presented by the Ministry of Finance. The Committee's discussion of the budget will be completed at an additional meeting tomorrow morning, it was officially announced yesterday.

U.S. Rally Hits Arms Aid to Arab States

SAN FRANCISCO, Sunday (INA) A resolution urging the U.S. Government to reconsider its current Middle East policy and to suspend arms shipments to the Arab states, was adopted unanimously at a community protest rally held here this week-end.

The meeting, attended by some 1,000 persons, also urged the U.S. to do nothing to impair the military balance in the Middle East and to grant the states in that region economic and technical aid in fighting poverty and its consequences. The rally was sponsored by the American Zionist Council, the American Christian Palestine Committee, B'nai B'rith, and a number of other local Jewish groups.

BUSHFIRE SWEEPS SOUTH AUSTRALIA

MELBOURNE, Sunday (Reuter) — The Governor of South Australia, Sir Robert George, and his wife, fled from their summer residence near Adelaide and saved their lives by crouching on the ground in wet blankets when a raging bushfire razed their house yesterday.

More than 10 fires burned tonight in a chain 60 kms. long in ranges of about 16 kms. from Adelaide.

Hindes Named First Envoy to Uruguay

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Jerusalem-born jurist, journalist and banker has been appointed as Israel's first Minister to Uruguay. The envoy is Mr. Maxtiahu Hindes, who has been in Jerusalem for a year as Manager of the Bank Leumi, after more than 12 years as Manager of the Hadar Hacarmel branch in Haifa.

Uruguay's agreement to the appointment was received by the Foreign Ministry during the week-end, and the official announcement was made yesterday.

Mr. Hindes' father, an early Zionist, served at the end of the 19th century as chief physician in one of Jerusalem's hospitals. The son was educated in Russia and Poland, studying law and economics in the universities of Warsaw, Petrograd (Leningrad) Heidelberg and Breslau.

Though Mr. Hindes was graduated in law, he worked as a journalist in Paris, London and Berlin, preliminary to taking up banking, first in Europe and later in Israel.

In the Twenties, Mr. Hindes served as secretary to the late Nahum Sokolow and Leo Motzkin, at the Comite des Delegations Juives in Paris. For 19 years he was a member of the Zionist General Council (Admin. Committee).

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RICHER FLAVOUR THROUGH MACEDONIAN TOBACCO

Social & Personal

Mrs. Rahel Ben-Zvi paid a condolence call on the family of Raphael Haim Hacohen yesterday.

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Mrs. Chaim Weizmann gave a luncheon party at her home in Rehovot on Saturday for Mr. and Mrs. R. H. S. Crossman. The guests were the Soviet Ambassador, M. Alexander Abramov and Mme. Abramova; the Counsellor of the Soviet Embassy, M. Gennadi I. Fomin and Mme. Fomina; Dr. Anna Weizmann and Mr. Boris Gouriel.

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Rabbi Charles Shulman, of The Riverdale Temple, New York City, visited the Jewish Agency on Sunday and met with Mr. Zalman Shazar, Acting Chairman of the Executive, and Mr. Shlomo Eisenberg, Secretary-General.

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ARRIVALS: The Counsellor to the French Embassy and Mrs. Jean Sérénd-Laurent and the conductor, Mr. George Singer, and Mrs. Singer (in the s.s. Filipo Grimani); Mr. Edward Gelber, President of the Zionist Organization of Canada, and member of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University.

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DEPARTURES: Mr. Gideon Rafael, Counsellor of the Foreign Ministry, for Rome and France; Prof. Phillip Klein, of Columbia University, after a two-month survey on the possibility of establishing a school for social welfare workers for the J.D.C. (by TWA); Dr. H.K. Henisch, of the University of Reading, has returned to England after four weeks in Israel as guest of the Hebrew University.

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The Hebrew University has received a gift of $2,500 from Mr. Robert Efroymson, of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mr. S. Hoofien, Chairman of the Board of Bank Leumi, will address the Israel-British Commonwealth Association, Haifa branch (in English) on "British Influences in Israel" at the Technion, Room 80, at 8.30 tonight.

N. V. Nederlandsche Lloyd has established a branch office for Israel in Tel Aviv, at 7 Rothschild Blvd., Tel. 6978, under the management of Mr. E. Dasberg, their former general agent in Israel since 1950.

Ciccolini Here For IPO Concerts

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The brilliant young Italian pianist, Aldo Ciccolini, arrived on the Filipo Grimani this morning to be the soloist of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's Fifth subscription concert under Sergiu Celibidache opening tomorrow night in Tel Aviv. He will play the Schumann piano concerto and will also give recitals in the three main towns during his three-week stay in Israel.

Born in Naples in 1925, Ciccolini studied at the Naples Conservatoire of Music where he was later named professor. It was after winning the first prize in the Marguerite Long-Jacques Thibaud competition of 1949 that he began to establish an international reputation.

Ciccolini has appeared with most of the major orchestras of Europe and the U.S. Celibidache was one of the judges of the committee which awarded Ciccolini the first prize in 1949.

Baking Industry Probe

The committee appointed in mid-December by Mr. P. Bernstein, the Minister of Commerce and Industry, to examine conditions in the baking industry, decided at a meeting on Friday to accept testimony submitted in writing, the Ministry spokesman announced yesterday.

Headed by Mr. Ben-Zion Argov, Director of the Kupat Am Bank, the committee is examining the composition of the industry, production costs and efficiency with a view to submitting a report to the Minister.

Testimony may be submitted to Mr. Leviathan, the committee's secretary, at the Ministry's Tel Aviv branch, Beit Halaf, Haifa.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME

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NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 8.15, 9.30 and 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 5 a.m. 2.15 & 6.30 p.m.

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SECOND PROGRAMME

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MUST ARM AGAINST ZIONISM, NURI SAYS

The Arabs must miss no opportunity to arm themselves against the "great danger of Zionist expansion," Premier Nuri e-Said told the Iraqi Parliament on Saturday night during the budget debate, NEARS reported yesterday.

He said that the Arabs lost the war against Israel because "we had been weak financially — which should never be allowed to occur again."

Britain, he stated, had been informed of the Iraqi decision to cancel the Anglo-Iraqi treaty. Measures are being now studied to implement this decision, he added.

The Chief of Staff, Gen. Rafik Aref, who had visited the U.S. two months ago, pointed to the importance to Iraq of U.S. military assistance. With this aid, Iraq is now extending her Air Force and is establishing her first airborne units, he stressed.

The Minister of Interior, Said Kazaz, announced during the debate that the Government would implement the decree depriving Iraqi Communists of their citizenship on failure to provide written guarantees not to participate in further activities. This will also be enforced "against Zionism," he added.

The Cairo correspondent of "The Times" in a recent report on the statement made by Propaganda Minister Major Salah Salem to a party of Syrian journalists last Monday said that Salem was "obviously concerned in playing up to the extreme nationalism in which Syria is now indulging."

Salem had declared that Egypt would not make peace with Israel even if the latter would agree to execute the U.N. resolutions on partition and the refugees, for she would be a danger to Egypt as well as to the rest of the Arab world.

The correspondent added that Egypt's defence policy as defined by Salem is to convert the Arab League security pact, directed against Israel, into an exclusive instrument for the defence of Egypt and the Arab states against aggression from outside the Middle East.

The report noted that this conflicts with the Iraqi Premier's idea that a regional pact should be negotiated with Middle East countries including Turkey and Egypt, linked to the Western powers.

FAISAL RECEIVES BRITON

BAGHDAD, Sunday (Reuter). — The British Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Air, Mr. George Ward, was received here today by King Faisal. Mr. Ward, who is touring Middle East R.A.F. stations, will also meet Prime Minister Nuri e-Said, Cabinet Ministers and service chiefs before going to Basra to continue his tour.

Putting Sewage to Good Use

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — In a further effort to solve the problem of sewage water in the country's 220 kibbutzim, the technical department of the Agricultural Workers Union of the Histadrut, in cooperation with the District Councils Association, will shortly start work on the second stage of an ambitious plan to be carried out at a cost of IL.1.2m.

The settlements themselves will provide IL.400,000 of this amount in loans, while of the remaining IL.800,000, the Ministry of Interior will give half as a loan, the rest coming in equal amounts from the Jewish Agency and Nir Ltd., the holding company of labour settlements.

The Sewerage Fund established by these institutions gives loans and technical help to settlements, which includes a number of moshavei shitufiim participating in the plan, in addition to kibbutzim.

Revealing details of this enterprise, Mr. Arieh Shindelman, of the Union's head office here, said that the plan has a two-fold purpose: to utilize for irrigation purposes the waste water which is often extremely rich in fertilizers and organic minerals, and to combat the menace to health this water can cause if allowed to form stagnating cesspools.

The first stage of the sewerage scheme was completed recently after two years' work at a cost of IL.1m. The Ministry of Labour, with a loan of IL.350,000, the Jewish Agency and Nir, provided the money for the first stage, in which the settlements themselves also participated with loans.

It is estimated that in kibbutz sewage water, which had largely been allowed to run to waste in the past, amounts to some seven million cubic metres a year and this in a country where water is at a premium. Apart from its major aims, the canalization of this water provides a considerable amount of work when seasonal jobs are not available.

Also involved in the project are the Ministry of Agriculture, which advises on the best means of utilizing the canalized water for agricultural means, and provides equipment for this purpose, and the Health Ministry, which participates in a consultative capacity.

Mr. Shindelman stated that about 40 per cent of the problem of sewage water in the kibbutzim should be solved after completion of the second phase, expected by next summer.

In very few countries is there such developed planning for solving the problem of sewage water in rural areas as that which exists in the kibbutzim, he added. The final aim of the scheme is to have a completely efficient central sewage system in every settlement, something unique in such small centres of rural population.

RAMLE SEWAGE

RAMLE, Sunday. — The town's sewage water after being purified will this summer irrigate fields in the Gezer area. A sewerage system, now under construction, will be linked to the fields by a pipeline.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ Symposium:— "Problems of Virus Research," scientists of Hebrew University, Weizmann Institute, Israel Biological Institute, Institute of Army Medicine. Prof. L. Olitzki, Chairman of morning session; Prof. S. Adler, Chairman of afternoon session. Under auspices of Hebrew University, Beit Hahalutzot, Rehavia, 9.30 a.m.

★ Exhibitions:— "Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition. 10-1, 4-8 p.m.

Drawings by Yehuda Bacon and Glass Paintings by Deborah Blumenthal. Nora Studio Art Gallery, 7 Ben Maimon Avenue, Rehavia (10-1; 3-8).

Department of Antiquities, special exhibition: Excavations of a Canaanite Temple on the seashore of Nahariya (XVIIIth-XVth centuries B.C.E.), 33 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1

Sculptures by Benno Schotz. Also "The Satirical, Fantastic and Tragic in Graphic Art, from Goya to Picasso" and African Folk Art. Exhibit of the Month: Max Liebermann; Prof. Hermann Cohen. 9-1, 3-5. Bezalel Museum.

Paintings by Hed Gedya and Yehudit Hebel; Artists House, 10-1, 4-8.

★ Tours:— Hebrew University conducted tour, new Administration Building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ Film Shows:— Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

★ Library:— American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamilla Rd. Entrance free. 9-1; 3-6.

★ Drama Reading:— The Jerusalem Dramatic Circle, "Three One-Act Plays" the U.S.A. Information Centre, Mamillah Rd., Jerusalem. 8.30 p.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Exhibitions:— 1) Jacob Wechsler, recent oil paintings, 1954. 2) Drawings by Masters of the Italian Renaissance (reproductions). Open daily 10-4; Fridays, Saturdays 10-1; Sundays 4-10 p.m. — Tel Aviv Museum.

★ Theatre:— Habimah, "The Caine Mutiny". Ohel, "Pygmalion" Chamber Theatre, Mograbi, 8 p.m.

★ Film Show: — "The Mysterious Tunnel," English Film; Beit Lessin, 8 p.m. Buses: 62, 61, 33, 18, 13.

HAIFA

★ Exhibitions:— Oil paintings, gouaches and monotypes by [illegible] Municipal Museum, Town Hall, 10-1, 4-7.

KFAR YEHOSHUA

★ Theatre:— "Gamblers", Chamber Theatre, 8 p.m.

REHOVOT

★ Theatre:— "The Wild Duck", Habimah, 8 p.m.

JAFFA

★ Theatre:— Do-Re-Mi, [illegible] Jaffa-On, 8 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

★ Cinema:— [illegible]

Delay Bids for Use Of Kishon Zone

The Ministry of Communications has decided to hold up consideration of all proposals submitted to it, particularly by investors from the U.S., for the utilization of the free zone at the Kishon harbour until legislation for the area has been passed by the Knesset, according to an official announcement. The proposed legislation is now being worked out by the Ministry of Justice.

As previously reported, an authority for the free zone is to be set up. The composition of this authority has not yet been laid down, and a decision is to be made by the Government.

In the meantime, the development work being carried out by the Gev Yam Company in the Kishon Harbour is nearing completion. The work leased to Gev Yam is undertaken partly on the Government's account and partly on that of the Company. It includes the paving of roads in the development area, the construction of offices, and the installation of water and electricity.

The Ministry of Communication is building weighing machines which can take up to 40 tons, a restaurant and sanitary installations. The Government has invested a total of IL.75,000 in the operations and Gev Yam a similar sum.

Body Found of Man Missing Two Months

HAIFA, Sunday. — The body of Yitshak Solomon, 30, of Tel Hanan, who disappeared from his home about two months ago, was found yesterday hanging in a shed near a quarry not far from his home.

The body was identified by Solomon's wife. Police are investigating the circumstances of his death.

KOOR PLANNING TO MAKE LIGHT BULBS

A factory for the manufacture of electric lamps and electrical equipment will be set up in Jerusalem by Koor Ltd., a subsidiary of Solel Boneh, if current negotiations are successful.

A group of foreign investors are interested in the project. Efforts are being made to secure a loan from the Jerusalem Development Corporation.

It is hoped that the concern will employ several hundred workers. The factory will be a new departure for Solel Boneh, which hitherto has concentrated its industrial activities on the mining of raw materials and the manufacture of basic industrial supplies.

SURVEY AT MASSADA

The Scientific Council for the Advancement of Archaeological Research has decided that during March and April it will conduct a detailed survey of the remains at Massada, it is announced by the Ministry of Education and Culture.

At a meeting last week, the Council agreed that the work at Massada will be directed by Dr. N. Avigad, Mr. M. Avi-Yonah, and Mr. I. Avrool. It was announced yesterday.

ZARHIN REPLACES CAPLAN FOR CHINA

Mr. H. Caplan, Director of the Export Division of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, is to be replaced by Mr. I. Zarhin, former Director of the Division, in the Israel commercial delegation which is to leave shortly for China, the Ministry spokesman announced yesterday.

Since major problems are facing the Export Division at the present time, Mr. Caplan's presence here is essential, the spokesman added.

Alliance High School For Tel Aviv

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday. — A secondary school for 1,000 pupils is planned for the north of Tel Aviv by Alliance Israélite Universelle with the financial aid of the French Government, Mr. Moshe Bejarano told the Press today when he left for Paris by TWA.

Mr. Bejarano will take part in the Alliance Executive Committee meeting which it is thought will approve the scheme.

The French Government is expected to contribute £75,000 and the Alliance an equal sum. The curriculum of the school will stress French cultural values.

H.U. PUBLISHING SIX TEXTBOOKS

Six textbooks at University level, written by Hebrew University teachers, will be published this year with funds provided by the Matz Foundation of New York. They are: "The Aramaic Language of the Kurdish Jews," by Prof. H.J. Polotsky; "Aesthetics," by Dr. P. Hazrahi; "Mind and Consciousness," by Dr. S. Pines; "Traditional Jewish Society and its Dissolution," by Dr. J. Katz; "The Geography of Eretz Yisrael," by Dr. D. Amiran; and "Arabic Grammar," by Dr. M. Plessner.

These books will be the first to be issued by the new Faculty of Humanities Library, which is to publish material required for study at the University.

CONCERT TOURS

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Miss Pnina Salzman, the pianist, will be the soloist at a concert of the London Philharmonic Orchestra in March and later will tour Turkey, Greece and Yugoslavia, it was learned here yesterday. Miss Shoshana Damari, the singer, is scheduled to tour Italy, Switzerland, France and the United Kingdom shortly.

Mr. Menahem Pressler, the pianist, is booked to give 10 concerts in Yugoslavia and three in Greece on his way back to the U.S. in February.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Alba, Zion Sq. [illegible] TEL AVIV: Abramsky, 43 Allenby; [illegible] JAFFA: [illegible] RAMAT GAN: [illegible] HAIFA: [illegible]

EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

JERUSALEM: Dr. [illegible] TEL AVIV: Dr. [illegible] HAIFA: Dr. [illegible]

Islamic Socialism 'a Bridge Between East and West'

KARACHI, Sunday (Reuter). — Prime Minister Mohammed Ali said today that Islamic Socialism offered a middle way between the Capitalist and Communist philosophies which were dividing the world.

He told the international assembly of Moslem youth that Islamic Socialism "can hold the scales even between the system which may result in a concentration of wealth in the hands of a few and the other, in which the welfare and well-being of the individual are subordinated to the might and power of the state."

Mr. Ali added that the East-West conflict had divided the world into two camps with a third living in a vacuum — indecisive, hesitant and bewildered.

The conference opened with a scuffle when Moslem Brotherhood supporters tried to distribute pamphlets attacking the Egyptian Premier, Gamal Abdul Nasser, NEARS reported.

Representatives of 38 Moslem or partly-Moslem countries are taking part in the conference.

INDIAN TRADE GROUP TOURS MIDDLE EAST

CAIRO, Sunday (Reuter). — An Indian goodwill trade delegation touring Middle Eastern countries is expected in Cairo on January 6, it was learned here today.

The delegation is now in Turkey after visiting Syria, the Lebanon, Iraq, Kuwait and Bahrein to explore possibilities of increased trade with these countries. It is led by Mr. M. P. Birla.

ICFTU Appeals For World Disarmament

BRUSSELS, Sunday (Reuter). —Mr. J. H. Oldenbroek, General Secretary of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU), has written to the Soviet Government appealing for universal disarmament, it was announced here.

Mr. Oldenbroek has also sent a letter to the U.N. Secretary General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, containing a resolution recently adopted by the ICFTU Executive Board on Disarmament which calls for a "comprehensive plan for disarmament with reduction or prohibition of all types of arms including nuclear, bacteriological and conventional."

20 U.S. COMMUNISTS CONVICTED IN 1954

WASHINGTON, Sunday (Reuter). — Twenty American Communist Party leaders were convicted and 29 others indicted during 1954 for conspiracy to teach or advocate the overthrow of the government by force, Mr. William F. Tomkins, Assistant Attorney-General, reported here today.

Mr. Tomkins, who is in charge of the Internal Security Division of the Department of Justice, said substantial progress was made last year toward destroying the "Communist conspiracy" against the U.S.

W.J.C. MEETING SOON

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuter). — The World Jewish Congress, spokesman for Jewish communities and organizations in 60 nations, will hold a plenary meeting of its Executive in Paris from January 27 to January 30, the Administrative Director of the Congress, Mr. Abraham Hyman, announced today.

The forthcoming conference is the agency's first major meeting since its third plenary assembly held in Geneva in the summer of 1953.

Catch A Cold—And Get A Free Vacation

LONDON, Sunday (UP). — The Ministry of Health yesterday appealed for 500 volunteers to catch colds.

Every year the common cold research unit invites volunteers to relax in comfortable bungalows at Harvard Hospital in Salisbury and permit doctors to use them as guinea pigs in the hunt for the cold bug.

More than 100 volunteers have come back at least four times, the Ministry announcement said proudly. It said that 160 married couples have enjoyed the expense-paid vacation at Salisbury — "some of whom," it added, "have spent their honeymoon as guests of the unit."

British Hold Secret Parleys on Strike

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — Rail workers met secretly in 34 centres throughout Britain today to plan local timetables for the national strike for higher pay timed to start at midnight next Sunday.

They met to consider the organising of strike pickets, the issue of strike pay, and the union's attitude to the movement of essential foods and perishables.

The one hope of averting the strike is the report — expected to be published on Thursday — of a three-man government court of inquiry which investigated the wage claim dispute last week.

If the report recommends a substantial pay rise for the rail workers or supports the claim that they are underpaid the union would probably abandon or postpone the strike to press the British Transport Commission, operators of the state-owned rail system, to carry out the court's recommendations.

EGYPT TAKES OVER SUEZ-CAIRO PIPELINE

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). — The British authorities yesterday turned over to Egypt control of the 140-kms. pipeline between the Suez and Cairo as part of the Anglo-Egyptian Canal agreement, "The New York Times" reported from the Egyptian capital today.

Duke Humiliates Nebraska, 34-7

MIAMI, Sunday (UP). — Duke poured three plunging backfield aces and quarterback Jerry Barger's bullet passes through a weak Nebraska team yesterday to humiliate the Cornhuskers, 34-7, in the 21st annual Orange Bowl football classic.

Vice-President Richard M. Nixon headed a record crowd of 68,750 who watched Duke cash in on its breaks and show off the running of halfbacks Bob Pascal, Nick McKeithan and Fullback Bryant Aldridge in sunny 76-degree heat. Barger passed for two touchdowns, Pascal scored one and set up another and McKeithan plunged for the final score.

Whitfield Awarded Sullivan Trophy

NEW YORK, Sunday (UP). — Mal Whitfield, the finest half-miler in track history, attained one of his great ambitions when he became the first Negro to win the James E. Sullivan Memorial Trophy as the outstanding United States Amateur athlete of 1954.

The award is presented annually by the National Amateur Athletic Union to "the amateur athlete who, by performance, example and good influence, did most to advance the cause of good sportsmanship during the year."

The 30-year-old Whitfield, a graceful and dedicated athlete who has never failed to win a championship race at his distance, was the first choice on 252 of the 657 ballots cast by the nation-wide tribunal of sports authorities participating in the 25th annual poll. This gave him a substantial edge over the eight other athletes who figured in the final balloting for the Sullivan Trophy, regarded as the top honour that can be bestowed on an amateur.

On February 20 at the New York Athletic Club, Whitfield will receive the trophy from Louis G. Wilke, National President of the AAU, an award which eluded such Negro stars as Jesse Owens, Harrison Dillard, John Woodruff and Barney Ewell.

Bowlers On Top In Melbourne

MELBOURNE, Sunday. — Australia, with two wickets standing, were three runs behind England's first innings score at the close of the second day of the Third Test match here yesterday. In reply to England's total of 191, Australia were 188 for eight wickets in a game dominated so far by the bowlers.

England's top bats collapsed again on the first day. Hutton (12), Edrich (4), Compton (4) and May (0) went quickly to give England scores of 29 for three and 41 for four before young Cowdrey, 22 years old last week, stemmed the tide. Together with Bailey and Evans in consecutive stands the score steadily mounted until Cowdrey reached his first Test century, going when he had hit 102.

Archer was the most successful Australian bowler, taking four for 33 but the most deadly was Miller, who finished with an analysis of three for 14. At one stage his figures read: 9 overs, 8 maidens, three wickets, five runs. The other wickets went to: Johnstone, one for 20, Johnson, one for 26, and Lindwall, one for 59.

Tyson and Statham also were in great form when Australia went in to bat. The former took Norris (3) and Hole (11), as well as Lindwall later on, while Statham dismissed Favell (25) Miller (7) and Benaud. A Harvey scored most to date with 31, and was out to Appleyard's bowling. A ninth wicket stand by Maddox (76 n.o.) and Johnson (12 n.o.), saved the hosts.

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EDEN: Lili, 3rd week. Also today at 10.30 a.m.
EDISON: Desperate Moment.
ORGIL: His Majesty O'Keefe.
ORION: King of the Khyber Rifles, 2nd week.
ORNA: The Four Poster.
RON: The Hungarian Rhapsody.
STUDIO: Cry, the Beloved Country.
TEL OR: One Minute to Zero, 2nd week.
ZION HALL: L'Affaire Maurizius, 2nd week.

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TEL AVIV

At 1.30, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.
CHEN: The Conquest of Everest.
ESTHER: Mogambo.
OPHIR: Lucrece Borgia, 3rd week.
TAMAR: Europe '51, 3rd week.
YARON: Les Orgueilleux, 2nd week.

DISTRICT COURT OF HAIFA
Probate Case 334/54.
IN THE MATTER of the Probate of the will, and in the matter of succession, of the late JULIA MIRASCHAN of Athlith deceased on July 14, 1954.
PETITIONER: Rene Weiss of Haifa, represented by Dr. O. ROBINSOHN, advocate of 8 Rehov Schmaryahu Levin, Haifa.
Let all persons take notice that the petitioner has applied to the District Court of Haifa for Probate of the will and for an order declaring the succession as to Miri immovable property of the late Julia Miraschan and that the said application will be heard on January 31, 1955, at 11 a.m.
By virtue of an order of the District Court of today I do hereby cite all persons claiming any interest to appear in the said Court at the above date and to show cause, if any they have, why the said will should not be proved and registered, probate given to the petitioner, and an order of succession as to the Miri immovable property be given, otherwise such order will be given as to the Court seems right.
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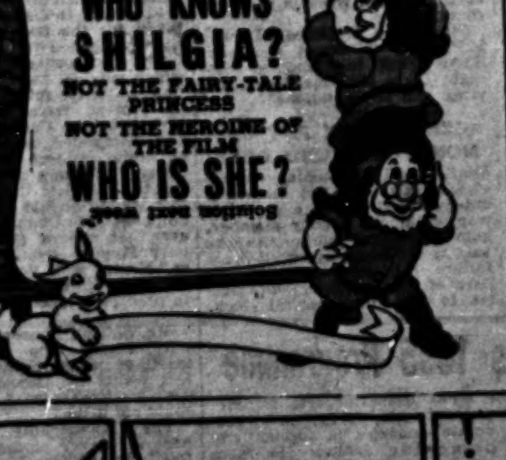

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Nazareth	15	7	15	19
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Tel Aviv Port	17	9	18	21
Lydda Airport	15	6	15	20
Jerusalem	12	4	12	14
Beersheba	13	—	17	18
Sdot	16	7	18	20

°A) Humidity at 8 a.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today

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GOOD SIR WORKERS are employed daily in pruning the Mayor's Hasmonean vineyards in the Migdal Ashkelon area. The work will last until March.

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JOSEF ROSENFELD, 37, of Nir-Israel in the South, was sentenced by the Migdal Ashkelon Magistrate yesterday to three months in prison with the alternative of a IL.500 fine for failing to report to the Mobilization Centre.

Bus Firms to Decide On Urgent Measures

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The managements of the three bus companies will meet here tomorrow to decide on "emergency tactics" it was learned here today. It is understood that the companies envisage the possibility of a general stoppage of public transport.

Last Friday, representatives of Egged, Dan and Hamekasher met Mr. Y. Saphir, the Minister of Communications, and demanded an immediate increase of 25 per cent in fares. The Minister's answer, it is understood, was not encouraging.

1,500 TO CROSS ON THURSDAY

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Over 1,500 Israel Christians from the Orthodox communities will cross the lines to the Old City on Thursday, when the Eastern Church celebrates Christmas. They will return on Sunday. Lists of the applicants approved by the Jordan authorities were handed yesterday to Mr. Y. Levy of the Jerusalem District Office, by Mr. F. Nebenzahl, chief of the External Liaison office of the Jordan Foreign Ministry. Jordan has denied entry to 50 Orthodox Christians without giving any reason.

The number of pilgrims crossing is slightly larger than last year, the Ministry of Interior said. Arrangements for passage through Mandelbaum Gate are exactly the same as those made for the Western Christmas.

The customs, health and police check will again be undertaken in tents erected at the northern end of St. George's Road.

Tourists and diplomats will pass into the Old City through the permanent check-post nearby which will be open from seven o'clock on Thursday morning.

Geffen Getting New Coating of Paint

HAIFA, Sunday. — Haymans Company's floating dry-dock, temporarily berthed in Haifa Port, tackled its first job of ship repairing this morning when Zim's cargo vessel, the s.s. Geffen, was manoeuvred into position and raised more than four metres above the water line.

The docking operation, under the direction of the dockmaster, Mr. Erich Edgar, was begun at 6.50 a.m. and, proceeding without a hitch, was completed about four hours later. Some 40 workers have already begun cleaning the hull, and it is expected that the job will be finished by tomorrow afternoon.

Domestic Science School Opened in Kfar Saba

KFAR SABA, Sunday. — A school for domestic science was opened last week in the tuberculosis hospital now under construction here. But because of the rains, the inauguration passed unnoticed.

The school will provide an eight-month course to 20 young women, half of whom live in this town. The other half have been put up in a boarding house established by the school which is run for the Histadrut Invalidity Fund by Mrs. Shoshana Ehrenkranz and Mrs. Yehudit Friedman.

Haifa Culture Centre Named for Councillor

HAIFA, Sunday. — Haifa's handsome Cultural Centre, in Rehov Peretz (Mukhalise), was dedicated tonight to the memory of Yosef Erdstein, for 18 years a Town Councillor. Beit Erdstein houses the Institute of Humanities, the local branch of the Law and Economic School and the Auditors College. Courses in advanced studies in local government and the cooperative movement are also held there.

The four-storey Centre, said to have cost IL.100,000, also contains the nucleus of a Municipal science and general library.

The Mayor, Town Councillors and writers spoke at the ceremony.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM DISTRICT — Sugar: 1 kg. with an additional 500 grs. for infants, Hannah 7, tamp. 2. White Flour: 500 grs. Hannah 6, tamp. 14. Semolina: 250 grs. for children, Aleph and Bet cards, no coupon. Imported Cheese: 200 grs. no coupon, tamp. 14. Tea: 20 grs. Dalet and Heh cards; 100 grs. Gimmel cards. Hannah 5, tamp. 16. Eggs: First January 27 ration, four eggs. Hannah 11, tamp. 5 Rooms: 500 grs. for children, Aleph, Bet, Gimmel cards. Mem-Aleph, Mem-Bet, Mem-Gimmel 2.

NORTHERN DISTRICT — Sugar: Four, Hannah 8, tamp. 8 Poultry: For expectant mothers, 700 grs. Heh (Mem-Aleph), Mem-Aleph 1, Mem-Bet 1, 350 grs. for sick persons. Hannah 7, 350 grs. Aleph, Bet, Gimmel cards, expectant mothers, Mem-Aleph, Mem-Bet, Mem-Gimmel 6, tamp. 11. Rice for sugar: Heh, only three cats. Nun 16, tamp. 16.

Collection of Income Tax To Be Speeded

The collection of arrears of taxes is to be speeded up as the result of a decision taken some days ago by the Ministry of Finance, the Income Tax Commission spokesman announced yesterday.

In mid-January, tax-payers will receive notifications concerning outstanding taxes including interest, fines and advance payments, the spokesman said, and if payment is not made by a specific date their files will be transferred immediately to the Collection Department for action.

These notifications are currently being sent to some 26,000 self-employed tax-payers, 2,500 companies and about 10,000 wage and salary-earners.

In addition to this work, the Income Tax Department has also begun the inspection of certain files following the discovery of a number of serious discrepancies in a number of files examined recently by the Inspection Office, whose task is the inspection of large files.

The work of this office had been reduced by the manpower shortage, but it will be broadened in scope shortly so that in future it will be able to deal with 3,000 files a month, five times as much as at present.

Money Transfer To Old City Asked

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem Municipality Finance Committee, at its next meeting is to discuss a request by the Custodian of Abandoned Property to transfer IL.27,500 to the Old City. Mayor T. Kariv announced at yesterday's meeting of the Municipality.

The sum is about half of the amount which was registered in the city's name in Barclays Bank when the War of Liberation broke out. The Custodian, in his letter of request, noted that the Government had decided to transfer the sum to the Old City. The Jerusalem Municipality withdrew the entire amount some time ago.

Mayor Kariv also said that his forthcoming trip to the U.S. would not be paid for out of the city's treasury.

Dr. P.J. Jacobi (Progressive) who asked why income from rates had dropped to IL.32,000 in the last ten days of September as compared with IL.218,000 a year ago, was told by Deputy Mayor Eliahu Eliachar (General Zionist) that it was a seasonal drop due to early collections in the first part of the fiscal year.

Opposition Voiced To Pig-Breeding Order

Opposition to an order just granted against the Food Controller in connection with the legality of an order restricting pig breeding to Central Galilee, was voiced before the High Court of Justice in Jerusalem yesterday, by the Assistant State Attorney, Mr. Y. Bar Or.

The High Court recently granted two orders nisi at the request of pig breeders in Ramle and Beit Dagon, calling on the Food Controller to show cause why he should not refrain from implementing the Pig Breeding Order which was gazetted last May.

According to the order which was issued under the Food Control Ordinance, it is forbidden "to breed, keep or deal with pigs," except with a permit from the Controller.

Mr. Bar Or declared that the aim of the Food Control Ordinance was to regulate the supply of food to the population, and the Pig Breeding Order had been issued with similar intent. Therefore, the High Court of Justice could not interfere with the motives which had caused the Controller to issue the order.

According to Mr. Bar Or the Food Control Ordinance gave full powers to the competent authority — the Food Controller — and it was the duty of neither the courts nor the Knesset to interpret the Ordinance, a matter that was exclusively within the jurisdiction of the Controller.

Moreover, the Knesset had confirmed the emergency regulation under which the Ordinances was issued, three months after the Pig Breeding Order was issued.

To a question by Mr. Justice Agranat, whether the Knesset was not due to discuss the whole question of pig breeding, Mr. Bar Or replied in the negative. He also contended that it was necessary to control pig breeding in the country. He recalled that the appellants were not members of the Pig Breeders Association, which was negotiating with the authorities on the implementation of the order and the transfer of the pig farms to Galilee.

The continuation of Mr. Bar Or's argument and the presentation of the appellants' case were adjourned. (Ilm.)

Memorial Meeting For Haifa Industrialist

HAIFA, Sunday. — Several hundred persons gathered here this evening to pay tribute to one of the country's first engineers and industrialists, Shmuel Itzkowitz, son of a Baku oil field millionaire, an enthusiastic Zionist and an initiator of the "Atid," later "Shemen," Works, who died 30 years ago. In his youth, he gave up the comfort of his luxurious parental home to settle in Palestine and inspired many others to do likewise.

He was also one of the founders of the Hadar Hacarmel Quarter and Committee. Mr. U. Shalev, Mr. Nahum Wilbush and Dr. Moshe Auerbach paid tribute to Itzkowitz.

The Hadar Hacarmel Committee announced a Technion scholarship in his name.

Pupils Learn Under Tree While Rooms Stay Empty

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Red tape has tied the doors of five empty classrooms next to the State Orthodox school of Ein Karem, Jerusalem, while 40 schoolchildren have nowhere to study in this immigrant village.

On sunny days, the two grades without classrooms learn under a tree. When it is too cold, the headmaster arranges for a double shift, and they wait until afternoon.

The five empty rooms belong to the Agricultural School of Ein Karem, and have been kept in reserve for a couple of years. The school principal refuses to hand over the keys, despite requests from the Jerusalem Education Department.

Prolonged negotiations with the government departments concerned have not yet unlocked the empty rooms. The children's parents have circulated a plea to the education authorities, to no avail.

Teachers' Organ Scores Children's Press

A special commission to investigate the decline in standards in periodical literature for children, is suggested in the latest issue of "Hed Hahinuch," the official organ of the Israel Teachers Federation.

It is suggested that because of the large and growing influence of the Israel children's press, cooperation on such a committee should be sought from the publishers of periodicals for the younger generation.

The Teachers Federation organ draws attention to the fact that the content of the children's press is "overwhelmingly superficial and fails to impart sufficient of Judaism, of traditional values and subjects connected with two thousand years of history and literature."

(Leader, P.A.)

3 On Time for Work At Sham City Office

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Six per cent (three persons) of the 51 employees of the Jerusalem Municipality working in the main building in Jaffa Road came to work on time yesterday; 69 per cent (35 persons) took advantage of the 15-minute "grace" period from 7.45 to 8 a.m.; and 25 per cent (13 persons) arrived sufficiently late to have their names registered on the late arrival list.

The situation, therefore, has worsened somewhat in the past fortnight since a poll made then by *The Jerusalem Post*, showed that nine per cent then arrived on time; 71 per cent between 7.45 and 8 a.m.; and 20 per cent were put on the late arrival list.

Ten of the 13 persons arriving late yesterday had excuses.

Three said that they always worked after the official day ends at 2.45 p.m.; two claimed that the late arrival list was put out before 8 a.m.; two blamed bad bus connections; one said he was always early, another that it was his first offence;" and the last one that he had just arrived from Tel Aviv.

The three persons who arrived on time had no excuses. They are Messrs. Yitzhak Shapiro, Naftali Rabinowitch, and Ya'acov Haskin.

Municipal circles are at present discussing a punitive system for late arrivals whereby they will forfeit from their vacation leave double the number of minutes they were late.

Trials Put Off As Accused Came Late

The three trials of Mr. Ya'acov Spector, proprietor of the Hotel Efrat building in the Kiryat Shmuel quarter of Jerusalem, were postponed for a fortnight yesterday as the accused failed to arrive on time for the hearings.

Mr. Spector is charged with six major building violations; two of them in conjunction with Mr. Aharon Lipshitz, one of the contractors, and Mr. Benzion Bakshi, a householder.

Stole from Policeman On Way to Jail

The Supreme Court, sitting as a Court of Criminal Appeal, yesterday rejected the appeal of a prisoner, Moshe Freiman, who had stolen IL.120 and documents from the pocket of the policeman who was taking him to jail.

Freiman was sentenced in 1951 to six years in prison for obtaining money by false pretences. He received an additional term of 40 months for the theft. He asked the Court to rule that the sentences should run concurrently.

In rejecting the appeal, the Court, on the suggestion of the Assistant State Attorney, recommended that the competent authorities should consider the release of the prisoner on the expiry of the six-year term, in view of his good behaviour in prison. (Ilm.)

Lutheran Chief Flown Home for Treatment

The Director of the World Lutheran Federation in Jordan, Syria and the Lebanon, Mr. Christiansen, who received severe facial injuries when attacked in the Old City last week, has since been flown home to Denmark for treatment, the Old City daily, "Palestine," reported yesterday.

He will be absent from his duties for three months, and will undergo a series of facial plastic operations. He was assaulted by a former employee of the Augusta Victoria Hospital on Mount Scopus, whom he had dismissed some time earlier.

Blau Back Again At Children's Club

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Rabbi Aharon Blau, leader of the ultra-Orthodox Natorei Karta, yesterday led a small demonstration of about 30 persons outside the Children's Club of the Working Mothers Organization in Rehov Devora Hanevia in Jerusalem.

This is the first time that Rabbi Blau has demonstrated since he was released after 21 days in prison for illegal assembly on Hanukka eve.

The zealots stood silently outside the club for half-an-hour and only began their protest when the first girl appeared on the playground.

A threatening letter signed "Natorei Karta" has been received by the Children's Club, Blau reported yesterday.

The letter demanded that the club be removed within a fortnight, otherwise "thousands of us will come and annul you by force."

The communication which was sent by mail (the Natorei Karta reportedly do not recognize the posts), was handed to the police for investigation.

NEW MAYOR FOR BNEI BRAK

RAMAT GAN, Sunday. — A new Mayor, Mr. Reuven Aharonovitz, of Poalei Agudat Yisrael, was elected in Bnei Brak by the coalition votes of the Religious Bloc last night. The Labour and General Zionist Opposition of four abstained.

Mr. Aharonovitz was Deputy Mayor until now, a position which he took over from Mr. Moshe Bagno. The latter has now resumed the Deputy Mayorship once again.

This reshuffle is in accordance with an agreement by the Religious parties which was made after the resignation of Mayor Yitzhak Gerstenhorn.

MOTHER RENEWS SIT-IN STRIKE

MIGDAL ASHKELON, Sunday. — Paulina Skweiba, 28, who staged a sit-in strike six weeks ago until she was promised that her two children would be taken to a boarding school, renewed her strike at the entrance to the Town Hall today. She told ITIM that the promise had not been kept and she is still unable to work because she has to look after her children who are eight and four years old.

"I am better off here than at home," Mrs. Skweiba said. "Here people have pity on me and bring food and clothes for the children."

Society to Aid Tel Aviv Blind

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — With the aim of training the sightless, in order to enable them to lead as near normal lives as possible, a branch of the society for the blind and the prevention of blindness is being formed here with the support of the Ministry of Labour and the Ministry for Social Welfare.

The purpose of the new organization is to help the blind by educational and constructive methods. It will in no way be a charitable body, according to Mrs. Y. Katinke, Honorary Organizing Secretary of the temporary committee which has been formed to direct preliminary work.

Voluntary workers are now being sought to implement the society's programme, for which there is great need in the Tel Aviv area, where it is estimated that 80 per cent of the blind, who include many new immigrants and potentially useful citizens, do not even know Braille, Mrs. Katinke said. The teaching of Braille will be among the major tasks of the organization. It is also planned to teach the sighted to use it.

The society hopes to open a training centre in Tel Aviv, and there is a good possibilities that the funds for this venture will be raised abroad. The opening of an office is also planned.

Regarding its work in the prevention of blindness, Mrs. Katinke stated that many of the leading eye specialists in the area have offered their services to the group.

More immediate activities will include visiting the blind in their homes, teaching them home trades, accompanying them to cultural events and organizing suitable events of this nature for them, reading to the sightless when necessary, and taking them on outings of all kinds.

SWITCHBOARD JOBS FOR THE BLIND

Government offices have been asked to give blind persons priority when engaging switchboard operators. The request, which was forwarded by the Civil Service Commission at the instigation of the Ministry for Social Welfare, states that blind persons have shown great ability in this type of work, it was officially announced yesterday.

The Ministry will donate special switchboards with 20 internal and five outside lines to offices employing blind operators. According to the Ministry, 50 of the 130 blind persons now seeking employment can be placed in this work.

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Our readers are reminded that all personnel needed as of January 1955, for the

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will be employed

IN JERUSALEM

All interested persons are requested to reply by mail not later than Jan. 15, 1955 giving details of experience and enclosing curriculum vitae and two letters of reference, to: No. 62048, P.O.B. 1128, Tel Aviv.

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Mr. Shemtov Shaltiel ע"ה
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Trial of Mizan For Murder Resumed

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The trial of Victor Mizan, charged with rape and murder of four-year-old Rahel Levin nearly two years ago, was resumed today with an introductory statement by Mrs. M. Ben Porath, Deputy State Attorney, to the District Court here today.

According to Mrs. Ben Porath, Mizan admitted to doctors who treated him for a nervous breakdown in a Jerusalem home that he had committed the rape and murder, and led one of them to the scene of the crime. Mizan, Mrs. Porath said, came to this country from Egypt, was married and was the father of a son. He worked at the Rico electrical appliances factory in Ramat Gan.

On February 18, 1953, the day after Rahel Levin disappeared, Mizan and his wife went to Tiberias and prayed at the tomb of Maimonides. In the letters the accused had written to his wife, the prosecution claims, signs of guilty conscience are evident.

On March 28, Mizan was admitted to a mental home, where he was advised by his doctors to write the story of what tormented him.

The story, Mrs. Ben Porath said, was a mixture of fact and fantasy. On April 16, 1953, Mizan led the doctors and the police to the abandoned orange grove where the body of the child had been found earlier by a chance passer-by. At the spot Mizan sat down on a concrete wall in a state of great tenseness. When asked by a doctor whether he had ever sat there before, he said, "Yes, after the incident I sat here and wept."

Mizan later denied his story, saying that he had been "joking." The case will be resumed tomorrow.

According to Mizan's counsel, Mr. I. Hahn, the accused went on hunger strike today.

Search for Impostor

HAIFA, Sunday. — Police here are searching for a Lan who posed as an "investigation officer of the Army" and told Gina Aharon, 20, of Kiryat Nahum, a week ago, that she had failed to report for army duty but that he could fix the matter against a fee of IL.21.

He took her money and departed. When the young woman called at the Mobilization Centre, she learned that she had been defrauded.

Production of Negev Copper Seen Near

NEW YORK, Sunday (ISNA). — The production of copper based on deposits in the Negev will begin in Israel in the near future, according to Mr. Abraham Dor, chief engineer of the Israel Mining Industries Ltd., writing in the current issue of "Economic Horizons," the monthly publication of the Jewish Agency's Economic Department here.

Mr. Dor said that the most promising copper deposits are located in the Timna valley, north of Eilat, where the metal was mined in King Solomon's time. He added that proved reserves are estimated at 12 million tons of ore which would yield 180,000 tons of copper.

Feivush Bendori, 55

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The funeral of Mr. Feivush Bendori, 55, who died at Finestone Hospital on Friday evening after being bedridden for nearly a year, took place this afternoon at his home in Givat Hashlosha, near Petah Tikva. Mr. Bendori had been a member of the Histadrut Executive.

At eight o'clock this morning, the coffin was brought to the Histadrut Executive Building in Rehov Arlosoroff, here. From nine until eleven, hundreds of persons filed past to pay their last tribute. The flags on the building were flown at half mast. Before the funeral procession moved on, the deceased was eulogized by the Secretary General of the Histadrut, Mr. Mordechai Namir, who, with other members of the Central Committee of the Histadrut Executive, carried the coffin to the hearse.

In Petah Tikva, the long procession halted in front of the local Histadrut headquarters where tribute was paid to Mr. Bendori by the Deputy Mayor, Mr. M. Tabachnick, and the Secretary of the local Labour Council, Mr. H. Bialy.

After lying in state for two hours at Givat Hashlosha, the body was laid to rest there and the grave was covered with wreaths of flowers from many of the organizations with which the deceased had been connected.

Mr. I. Tabenkin, leader of the Kibbutz Hameuhad movement, of which Mr. Bendori was also a leading figure, was one of those who paid a tribute at the graveside.

The mourners included, in addition to members of the deceased's family and of the kibbutz, Knesset Members, representatives of the central committees of all the Israel labour parties, prominent figures of the agricultural settlement movements and Histadrut colleagues of the deceased.

Feivush Bendori was born in Zhitomir, Ukraine and came to this country in 1926. He was an active worker in the pioneer movement in Poland, and joined the Givat Hashlosha kibbutz. Later, he played a leading part in trade union struggles in Petah Tikva, and in 1936 and 1937 was Secretary of the Tel Aviv Branch of Mapai.

When Mapai split, he left the party, and ultimately joined Mapam, which he represented on the Central Committee of the Histadrut, the highest-ranking unit of that body.

A telegram of sympathy was sent yesterday to Kibbutz Givat Hashlosha and the Executive Committee of the Histadrut in Tel Aviv by Mr. Moshe Kol, member of the Jewish Agency Executive.

Half of Mankind Illiterate—UNESCO

Over half of mankind is illiterate, and 200 million children do not go to school, Dr. M. Avidor, Director General of the Ministry of Education, told Israel's UNESCO Council yesterday while reporting on the problem which faced the General Conference of UNESCO at Montevideo, Uruguay, last month.

Dr. Avidor was a member of the five-man Israel delegation which attended the Conference together with 71 delegations from UNESCO member-States.

Israel this year will receive $40,000 of the UNESCO 12m. budget for technical assistance. Next year, the United Nations intends allocating a global sum to each country, and each government will be entitled to divide the funds between cultural and other purposes as it thinks fit.

(Israel has just paid her subscription for 1955 — $15,000).

Professor S. Sambursky, head of the Research Council, who attended the scientific committees, disclosed that the Israel delegates had opposed the operation of the regional UNESCO office in Cairo. UNESCO had established such offices to promote work in the natural sciences, but the Cairo branch was concerned with organizing "show" congresses instead of serving local educational needs. Professor Sambursky emphasized that his delegation's criticism was without political motive.

The Conference voted to investigate the activity of regional committees, and on Israel's suggestion, to close the suboffice in Istanbul which was superfluous.

Arab Propaganda

Professor Sambursky noted that Israel's delegation did not distribute propaganda as the six Arab delegations and the Soviet Bloc representatives had done. The occasions on which the Arabs demonstratively refused to participate in sessions with Israel harmed the Arabs more than Israel, said Professor Sambursky.

Israel's UNESCO Council, with the Minister of Education as Chairman, holds two sessions a year. Its 45 members represent the Government, the institutes of higher education, the liberal professions and the fine arts.

Hungary in Difficulties U.S. Senate Report Says

WASHINGTON, Sunday (Reuter). — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee reported today that the Hungarian Government was having difficulties due to widespread popular antagonism. "This regime has reached a low ebb both economically and politically," the report said.

INFILTRATORS JAILED

HAIFA, Sunday. — The special military court in Acre today sentenced two marauders to two years in prison each for infiltrating from the Lebanon. The same court gave an infiltrator from Jordan one year in jail.

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Cables in Brief

POLIO. — Southern Africa is suffering one of its worst outbreaks of poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis) with hundreds of cases notified since early September. The outbreak has not reached epidemic scale in the Union of South Africa.

HONDURAS. — The acting President of Honduras, Dr. Julio Lozano Diaz, yesterday swore in his new Cabinet. It was reported from Tegucigalpa, the capital.

TOOTHPASTE. — A Copenhagen accident on Saturday was greatly diverting on grounds, among others, that his wife always squeezed the toothpaste tube in the middle.

POPULATION. — The population of the U.S. increased by 2,500,000 to 162,500,000 in 1954. This exceeded by more than 100,000 the previous increase record.

FIRE. — The charred bodies of three persons were found in the debris in London yesterday after a tenement fire which hospitalised four others and made 10 homeless.

CROSSBONES. — American seamen in Newport News, Virginia, on Saturday ran up the pirate flag, the skull and crossbones, on the coal ship Coral Sea, to protest against their replacement by a Greek crew.

NEW YEAR. — The U.S. National Safety Council announced yesterday that 154 persons were killed in traffic accidents over the New Year holiday. Twelve persons died in fires, and another 18 from miscellaneous causes.

SOS. — The 22 crewmen of the 1,366-ton Swedish steamer, Rosafrud, aground near Deraknes in the Stockholm archipelago, abandoned ship yesterday. They went aboard a Swedish salvage vessel.

RESCUE. — Miss Majvor Eriksson, 20, lost for 77 hours in the frozen north Swedish mountains without food or adequate clothing, was found yesterday by rescuers led by Lapp mountaineers.

NORWEGIAN JEW GETS KING'S GOLD MEDAL

OSLO, Sunday (ISNA). — The Norwegian Jewish physician, Dr. Leo Ettinger, has been awarded the King's Gold Medal for his paper in the contest arranged by the medical faculty of Oslo University on "Report based on personal observations of the effect of military life on the mental health of Norwegian soldiers."

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Subscribers are kindly requested to note that TONIGHT, January 3, 8.30 p.m., *Subscription Concert No. 5—Series "I"* will take place at Ohel Shem Hall, Tel Aviv, and not, as was erroneously announced yesterday, Special Subscription Concert No. 5.

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EDUCATORS and thinking parents in the United States are at present engaged in a bitter controversy over the reading matter provided for children. Analyses of the comic books which pour into homes by the tens of millions each week indicate that they are of an alarmingly low standard of literacy and are in the main sordidly biased in favour of sadism and exploitation of sex. Very often the Press reports juvenile crimes as being directly attributable to the example of "funnies" which are said to provide the juvenile delinquent with a complete manual in the practices of some of the nastier forms of violence.

Most child psychologists and educational authorities condemn this form of literature and a movement is on foot to check it by legislation and control. The going is very rough, as the comic book industry has reached such proportions as to become a vested interest with its own lobby in most State legislatures and influential support at Washington. Nor are venal psychologists lacking with spurious arguments in favour of this obnoxious type of literature. Their claim is that the books provide a harmless outlet for the children's natural aggression, and that were it not for the existence of comic books there might well be much more serious juvenile delinquency than there is at the moment.

The decline in standards of children's literature is not only marked in the United States; a certain falling off is noticeable in Britain also but the change there is really a reflection of the social changes of the country. The "public" school — that is the large endowed private foundation — is giving place to the County Secondary School and one of the results has been the extinction of a series of escapist school books which delighted the heart of British youth for two generations. The literature for children today deals mainly with sport, with science fiction and with fairly innocent detective subjects. The free rein given to the imagination is in the startling ability — quite out of this world — displayed by the heroes of the stories. Sex is almost entirely absent and sadism plays practically no part at all. But nevertheless constant vigilance is being found necessary in Britain to prevent a decline in standards and the introduction of unsavoury influences.

In Israel serious concern is now being expressed by the teaching profession about the decline in the standard of literature provided for school children's leisure reading. Up to a few years ago, writes the Editor of "Hed Hahinuch," the official organ of the Teachers' Federation, the Israel child had a regular supply of reading matter prepared for him by teachers and others who not only understood the child's needs but also had an ideal of Jewish values to put before him. The best-known writers were not above contributing to the mental pabulum for the young Israel reader. Today this sort of publication has gone out of existence and the child is nourished on weeklies mainly supplied by some of the country's leading newspapers. The complaint is not that there is anything particularly harmful in the content of these publications but that the standard is deplorably low, the literary level indifferent, the subject matter completely ephemeral. There is no trace of any Jewish values. There is little reflection of the spirit of a new nation striving to attain some significant goal. Everything is superficial; the juvenile magazines slavishly follow the most vicious tendency of our times which is to discourage thought, to spoon-feed with material which is no sooner swallowed than it is regurgitated. There should be only one standard for children's literature, assert the teachers. It must be creative work and it will have a creative effect.

It is to be hoped that the suggestion that a special commission be set up to draw public attention to the deleterious tendency in children's periodical literature will be adopted and carried out. In Israel particularly where so many completely delightful Hebrew books appear in such abundance it is to be regretted that the material provided by the children's press should be allowed to become sub-standard.

RUSSIA COURTS YUGOSLAVIA

By RICHARD LOWENTHAL

LONDON (OPNS). — THE recent "friendship offensive" launched by the Soviet bloc on Tito's Yugoslavia is probably the most extraordinary manifestation yet of the new flexibility in Soviet policy. At the same time, the Yugoslav response provides an object lesson on how this flexibility may be met by equally flexible methods on the other side.

There have been examples of sudden turns in Soviet foreign policy, when foreign powers who had been heaped with abuse as aggressors until the day before were suddenly hailed as bulwarks of peace. But there is no precedent for the hand of friendship proffered to the heretic who broke away from the Soviet camp and undertook to revise Communist doctrine, who was condemned as a traitor, a fascist spy and an agent of imperialism.

The Soviet Government's "Operation Embrace" towards Yugoslavia is simultaneously proceeding on three different levels. On the level of diplomacy, there is the "normalization" of contacts, the liquidation of frontier incidents, the resumption of trade, and also the reopening of Government-sponsored cultural and sports relations. On the level of party relations, there have been many hints, both from Moscow and from several satellites, that the Yugoslav leaders are recognised as Marxists loyal to the basic tenets of the faith, that their State has never ceased to embody a socialist type of economic and social system, that their experiments with new forms of economic planning and self-government are worth studying for the satellites, and that the charges that Yugoslavia had been taken back to capitalism by a government of fascist spies were uttered in the heat of a now-forgotten quarrel and need not be taken seriously. Finally, on the level of internal satellite policy, the quiet release of a number of survivors from the purges of alleged "Titoists," above all from the Rajk trial in Hungary, have in part been intended to back up these assurances.

Ideological Aim

There can no longer be any doubt that the whole operation aims beyond the normalization of diplomatic relations, at restoring some sense of ideological community between the Soviet, satellite and Yugoslav Communist parties, and thus at opening some channel for Soviet influence on the rank and file of the Party with whose help Tito governs Yugoslavia. The most immediate purpose is to prevent a further consolidation of Yugoslav political and military links with the West, and in particular to create rank-and-file pressure on the Yugoslav Government to oppose, together with the Soviet bloc, the Western plans for West German rearmament. The somewhat more long-term, but less important, purpose is to neutralize the dangerous influence of the Yugoslav example on the satellites.

The Soviet Government has found it necessary to loosen the reins of its control over these states and to grant their government and party leaders a greater scope for the intelligent application of over-all Soviet policy; but it is aware of the risk that even such licensed independence may easily get out of hand under the pressure of local popular forces. It feels that the risk would be greatly diminished if independent Yugoslavia could be shown returning to the fold.

To this bold and complicated manoeuvre, the Yugoslav leaders, well-trained in Soviet methods and experienced in their effect on their own country, have responded with equal flexibility. They have eagerly seized the chance of relaxing Soviet economic and military pressure and multiplying their contacts with the satellite countries by diplomatic "normalization." But, while stressing their traditional claim to political independence from both its Eastern and Western blocs, and their own readiness to support the peaceful coexistence of the two, they have not shown the slightest inclination to relax their military vigilance, to renounce the ties of their pact with Greece and Turkey which indirectly links them to the Western system of defence, or to join the campaign against West German rearmament.

Above all, the Yugoslav leaders, with the backing of their Central Committee which met in Belgrade just before President Tito's departure on his State visit to India, have strictly excluded any idea of resuming "party relations" with the Soviet Communist Party. This attitude is not only based on tactical caution, made necessary by the fact that recognition of the Socialist character of the Yugoslav State is willingly voiced by the Soviet leaders in private or in the hearing of Westerners, but never so far in the Soviet or satellite Press. It is also based on the principle that Yugoslavia, by its internal reforms of recent years, has created a new social system based on decentralized self-government of the producers — a system which the Yugoslav leaders regard as truly socialist and fundamentally opposed to the "bureaucratic state capitalism" of Soviet society.

The Yugoslav leaders do not, indeed, exclude the possibility that Russia under Stalin's successors may eventually undergo a similar transformation — but they believe that the road to such a goal will be long and lead through bitter internal conflicts and crises, owing to the entrenched position enjoyed by the "bureaucratic ruling class" in Russia after 30 years. In the meantime, they hold that the friendly relations between Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union can only be of the type that is possible between two countries with different economic and social systems — relations, i.e., of coexistence and not of ideological comradeship.

Positive Chances

But while the Yugoslav leaders are in this way holding on to their military and ideological safeguards, they are not blind to the positive chances that may flow from the new Soviet policy, particularly from its impact on the satellites. They have made it clear that they expect, as concrete proof of Soviet goodwill, not only the silent but the open and formal revision of the Rajk trial, in which in 1949 one of the foremost Hungarian Communist leaders was sentenced to death for having allegedly plotted counter-revolution in alliance with Tito. If such a revision could be achieved the blow to Stalinist doctrine and authority would, in the Yugoslav view, start much more far-reaching debates and developments in the satellite countries, and above all in Hungary, than anything seen so far — and Tito would greatly welcome such a consequence.

Is This An Armistice?

(Incidents reported in The Jerusalem Post during December)

Thursday, December 2. — One Arab killed, one wounded, after opening fire on patrol in Southern Negev... Fire opened from Jordan on an army unit patrolling Modi'in area ... Irrigation pipes and sprinklers stolen from Tadmor village.

Friday, December 3.—Armed infiltrators tried to break into Sde Eliahu... A ram and a fishing net stolen from Mesbak Hagovrim.

Sunday, December 5. — Water pipe-line to Negev blown up for the fourth time since September 2... Vehicles on highway near Magal hit by fire from Jordan... Fire opened on Israel patrol unit near Umm al Fahm... Armed infiltrator captured in Hadera.

Monday, December 6.—Tractor drivers near Beit Hatzir fired on by Syrians... Infiltrators opened fire on guards at Eilat camp, wounding one soldier. Command car on way to the camp also fired.

Tuesday, December 7. — Syrians again fired across border at Beit Katzir settlers.

Thursday, December 9. — Four teen-agers from Gaza sentenced to five years in prison by an Israel court after having admitted they were sent to spy.

Friday, December 10.—Irrigation pipes stolen from Beit Hagadi in the Western Negev.

Sunday, December 12.—Prosecution demanded death sentence for 11 Jews accused by Cairo of spying for Israel... Five soldiers on patrol on northern border ambushed by Syrians... Shots fired at Kibbutz Magal from Jordan village of Seita.

Monday, December 13.—Syrian plane forced down after it flew in Israel control zone... A Jerusalem worker wounded in the back by stones thrown by Arab Legionnaires... Seventy iron poles stolen from Kibbutz Gvulot. Tracks led to the Gaza Strip.

Wednesday, December 15.—Israel submitted complaint concerning the establishment by the Arab Legion of a position in the Jerusalem no-man's-land... Fire opened on members of Kibbutz Saban... Rifle fire opened on workers in Hula drainage project from across Syrian armistice line... Irrigation pipes stolen from Kibbutz Sa'ad.

Monday, December 20.—Infiltrator killed when guards of Kfar Uriya opened fire on six men who had penetrated the outskirts of the settlement. The remaining five men fled across the lines... Arab Legionnaires opened fire on civilian near no-man's-land in the Mt. Zion area. **Wednesday, December 22.**—Three marauders whose tracks led to the Jordan border stole ten turkeys from Kfar Shmuel, near Ramla.

Thursday, December 23.—Syrian Premier Fares el Khoury said in an interview that the Arab states should accept American arms and use them to attack Israel... Two infiltrators from Gaza Strip stole cow from Kibbutz Gvulot.

Friday, December 24. — Jordan refused to allow U.N. Observers to witness from the Jordan side the marking of the demarcation lines by Israel... Four infiltrators from the Gaza Strip stole irrigation pipes from Shuva.

Sunday, December 26.—Group of infiltrators fired on Israel patrol when asked to halt... Two marauders driven off at Mishmar Ayalon... Two infiltrators captured in Jerusalem area.

Tuesday, December 28. — Israel patrol fired on group of infiltrators in Western Negev, causing them to flee and leave motor stolen from Yad Mordechai... Ten sheep stolen from Kochav in the Northern Negev... 36 irrigation pipes stolen from Tekuma... Police found the body of Israel Dobrushkin who disappeared last Thursday near Ramla.

Wednesday, December 29.—Infiltrators stole 450 olive tree saplings from Kibbutz Nirim.

Thursday, December 30. — Farm tools worth IL.400 stolen by marauders from Kibbutz Gvulot... Infiltrators attempted to break into house in Nes Harim in Jerusalem Corridor.

British Bid to Prevent Cairo Control of Canal Company

By a Special Correspondent

THE Suez Canal Company is normally one of the most efficient organizations in the world. It is also one of the world's best money-makers but it puts a large part of the earnings back into the Canal for maintenance and improvement.

This re-investment annually causes a great deal of heart-searching among shipowners and commercial interests, because in 1968 the concession expires and the Canal will become Egyptian national property. The question is whether the present efficient management will stay on in exchange for part of the revenue, or whether an Egyptian management will take over.

The Cairo junta has repeatedly suggested expropriation before 1968 and it has rejected any proposal of mixed management of the Canal.

Foreigners Fired

To appease the Egyptians, all foreign nationals on the Company's managerial technical and administrative staff are slowly being replaced by Egyptians, thus making a purely Egyptian management an eventual possibility. Also, Egypt's share of the revenue has been again drastically increased.

To keep the maritime powers and shipping interests happy, the Company has cut toll rates and allocated more money than ever to the expansion of the Canal and its services.

To keep the stockholders satisfied, another increase in the dividends had been voted and shares are being retired so as to prevent even the smallest financial loss in 1968. Of the original 800,000 shares, about half have been already retired.

Britain, who stands to lose most from the Company's expropriation in 1968, had instructed its directors (Sir Alexander Cadogan, Sir Francis Wylie and Mr. E. W. Maltwood) on the Board of Directors; Lord Rayner, Lord Rotherwick, Sir Thomas Barlow, Mathew, Sir Robert Watt, Sir William Currie and Major A. H. Gibby on the Board of Commercial Directors) to press for a replacement of the present company by an international consortium instead of a purely Egyptian management.

The British Government fears that in Egypt's hands the world's most important artery will turn into a badly-run private Egyptian seaway, subject to the whims of Egyptian internal politics and mismanagement, such as the blocking of the canal for a week by the recent collision of a Norwegian ship with a moving railway-bridge.

Yesterday's Press

Suez Issue Must Be Pressed

WELCOMING home the sailors of the "Bat Galim", all papers demand the continuation of the struggle for free passage through the Suez Canal. "Davar" (Histadrut) says that it is not yet clear what the Egyptians intend to do with the vessel, but the Security Council will have to deal with the issue as a whole. "Haboker" (General Zionist) demands an investigation into the beatings suffered by the sailors during the first two days of their arrest and says that it is the duty of U.N. observers to examine these charges. "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) says that the problem of free passage has not been resolved: the Egyptians can go on spreading lies because they feel they can rely on the moral support of the imperialist powers.

"Herut" calls the release of the sailors "defeat number 101" for the present foreign policy. The Bat Galim "action" in order to be successful, should have been just one link in a whole chain of actions. Diplomatic efforts to bring about free passage in the Canal are ludicrous and Israel's prestige is diminishing all the time for want of direct action. In order to break the Egyptian blockade, the Mapai monopoly at the Foreign Ministry has to be broken first, says Herut. "Lamerhav" (Ahdut Ha'Avoda) also expresses the view that there is no room for illusion about the possibility of "convincing" those powers which now condone the blockade that the Suez Canal should be opened to Israel shipping.

The members of the Bat Galim crew are an answer to those who assert that the spirit of the Palmach has disappeared. Mr. A. Carlebach, editor of "Ma'ariv," wrote yesterday. These are the kind of youth with which Israel is blessed — maturer than their ages by 2,000 years, prepared to sacrifice themselves and capable of understanding the meaning of the sacrifice, he said.

Paris Decision

Several papers also commented on the international scene following the ratification of the Paris agreements. "Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union) expresses the view that ratification may aggravate world tension. On the other hand, "Ha'aretz" (non party) thinks that ratification by the French Assembly was the lesser evil; the alternative would have resulted in the disintegration of the Western Alliance. The Communist bloc is of course interested in the weakening of the West, but Israel inasmuch as it is part of the West and its fate connected with it must understand that the Paris decision is preferable.

Druze Aided Settlers 25 Years Ago

By GIDEON WEIGERT

A HANDFUL of Jews and Druze last week celebrated very modestly the 25th anniversary of the once secret Druze-Jewish movement, which has now become known as an almost legendary example of cooperation between the two peoples. Back in 1929, this movement rendered valuable service to both communities. The two groups had much in common during the Mandate: both were minorities and both were regarded by the Moslem majority as the greatest enemies of the Arab cause. Asked how it was that, even then, members of Jewish settlements in the North, Haifa Labour leaders, and Druze chieftains had decided to throw in their lot together, Druze MK Sheikh Saleh Khneifis replied, with the typical shyness and modesty of his people: "I was only the pupil. Ask the teacher and founder up on the Carmel."

The "teacher on the Carmel" is Sheikh Labib Abu Rukun of Isfiah. Less than a stone's throw away is the ancient Khirbeh residence of the first Druze, who came from the Lebanon 500 years ago. Abu Rukun was brought up like any other Druze youth in the traditional patriarchal environment of Isfiah, where his father was a landlord and notable. He is a self-made man who, after school, gained knowledge and experience by attending the long night sessions at his father's Divan where guests were welcomed and politics were discussed. Labib remembers clearly that a couple of his father's Jewish friends, workers employed at the nearby Nesher stone quarries, used to frequent these night meetings at the Abu Rukun Divan. In 1929, his father received a letter from Itzhak Ben-Zvi of the Va'ad Leumi, asking the Druze to render aid to Jewish settlements in the North. Soon after, and under the most trying circumstances of the Arab disturbances, his father, accompanied by a number of cousins, met Jewish Labour leaders in Haifa, where the first cell for permanent Druze-Jewish cooperation was established. Hassan Abu Rukun, a cousin, acted as liaison between the two groups. At the beginning of 1930, the Arab National leaders learned of Abu Rukun's movement, having by then had ample proof of the part Druze villagers had played in the defence of isolated Jewish settlements by supplying arms and information about terrorist gangs. Hassan was assassinated while on a secret mission near Acre, and Labib replaced him as organizer.

One evening, in the very heat of the 1936 riots, a group of Beduin women, in their long black robes and veils, was spotted by the watchman on duty near the Yagur settlement searchlight. Approaching the settlement's barbed-wire fence very gingerly, the group was challenged. The password was given and, finally a small gate was opened and the entire group of women was admitted into the courtyard. Once safely inside the settlement, the Beduin "women" slipped off their black robes and revealed themselves to be 20 fully-armed young Druze. Proudly carrying the birdshead-hilted dagger, these youths belonged to a tribe whose tenet is: "To be free, a Druze must always carry a weapon, at least a knife." Back from their mission to Yagur, the Druze were ambushed by terrorists on the slopes of the Carmel and eight were killed.

Labib

In view of the attacks on the Druze by Arab nationalists, Labib went secretly to Syria where he met the chieftains of Jebel e-Druze, revealing to them the results of Druze-Jewish cooperation. "Go back to your village and come out openly in favour of this movement," the powerful Sultan Pasha el Atrash told Abu Rukun.

40 Killed

With this spiritual backing, Druze from other villages joined their brethren on the Carmel. Shafa Amr, with Sheikh Saleh Khneifis (whose father was assassinated soon after by terrorists), Daliat el Carmel, Yerka and other Druze villages began to throw in their lot with that of Labib's movement. In the period immediately following, over 40 Druze were assassinated by Arab nationalists for cooperating with the Jews.

The 1940's found Sheikh Labib establishing a family — he is the father of a boy and three girls. Continuing his cooperation with the Jews, despite opposition from elders in many of the 18 Druze villages, he became active in the Histadrut's Palestine Labour League, the organisation of May Day celebrations and of Druze folk dance troupes. When the Jewish Agency's leaders were detained by the British at Latrun in 1946, Sheikh Labib's house was entered by British troops searching for Haifa's fugitive Labour leader Abba Khoushy.

In 1948, at a time when most of the Arab villages in the area were still in Arab hands, Abu Rukun and his men joined the liberators of Haifa, suffering a number of casualties in the battle for the town. Soon afterwards, he and other Druze chieftains approached the Chief of Staff with a request to form their own Druze units, which later helped the Israel Defence Army to thrust towards Masara.

Since then, hundreds of young Druze, inspired by Abu Rukun, have volunteered for the Army, the Police and the Border Police, where they are rendering most valuable service and distinguishing themselves in the fight against infiltration.

New Trials

For Sheikh Labib himself, the birth of Israel marked the opening of a period of new trials. His land had been sold long before to support himself and the Druze volunteers aiding the Yishuv and, while the Jewish leaders to whom he and his fellow villagers had rendered such vital services soon occupied key positions, he remained in his village.

The Histadrut gave him minor posts between 1949-51, with monthly salaries not exceeding IL.50. In 1952, he was appointed co-director of the Bustan Hacarmel (Arab marketing company) at a salary of IL.150.

Labib is now Honorary Chairman of the Isfiah Local Council.

Readers' Letters

RELIGIOUS COMPULSION

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I read with anger in today's issue of *The Jerusalem Post* that the Natorei Karta and the religious groups are using pressure in Jerusalem to restrict motor traffic on Saturdays.

Many people, like myself, have only Saturdays on which to relax. Restricting motor traffic amounts to restricting the personal freedom of the resident. The Jerusalem Municipality should busy itself with keeping the city clean.

Yours etc.
RESIDENT

Jerusalem.

PRICE OF CARP

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In a shop in Jerusalem, I was charged considerably higher than the official price for carp "because it is bigger." Does Tnuva allow for difference in price according to the size of the fish?

Yours etc.
HOUSEWIFE

Jerusalem, November 29.

Tnuva Replies

The price of carp to the consumer is IL.1.500 a kilogram regardless of size.

TNUVA COOPERATIVE

Tel Aviv, Decembe. 7.

KEEPING POSTED

EVEN this modest non-political section of the paper would like to welcome back the 10 men of the Bat Galim, who set out with an old ship and, it will be remembered,

one rusty pistol that didn't work when the captain tried it near Massawa, to sail straight into the lion's den. Not being prophets we cannot say whether in ten years' time every schoolboy will know that it was this ship that made the first dent in the Canal blockade, at the cost of a cargo of dubious meat. Perhaps, in the end, the Egyptians will mobilize seven maids with seven mops and have all the water in the Canal swabbed up, just to keep Israel ships from getting through. But meanwhile we should like to dedicate a thought also to those who habitually foresee only catastrophe in any action that has not the prior public approval of some outside authority; in school there was a word for people who could not make up their minds till teacher told them. That applies not only to private individuals who can claim the benefit of total ignorance of facts, but also to such of our contemporaries as "Ha'aretz" which develops a positively swashbuckling defeatism on these occasions, quite fearlessly using even such harsh terms as "ugly nationalism" so long as they apply to somebody inside Israel.

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THE famous Egyptian astrologer Mohammed Youssef el Missiri has published his forecasts for 1955, and they are so gloomy that we think he should have his abscess fixed. He starts off with a near strong Labour Government for Britain; a fight in the Iraqi Government and the defeat of Nuri Said, the Premier; civil war in another Arab state resulting in "far-reaching changes"; armed clashes between Israel and the Arab states ended by Israel because of a "threat of civil war," and, just to make sure, a revolution in Iran that will spark off World War III. Just in case anyone should accuse him of defeatism, though, he also foresees that the UN will "reach a satisfactory solution of the Palestine Problem and return all the Arab refugees to their homes."

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I WANTED to phone to Strauss' Dairy," writes our Nahariya correspondent. "I went to an office with two telephones on the same table, with quite distinct numbers. I lifted one receiver, asked for my number, and then found myself connected with the Tiberias exchange which I didn't want. I slammed down the receiver and took up the second one, and without ever getting through to the exchange at all found myself connected to Strauss. I wondered at the coincidence and mentioned it to another man who was standing near by and who always knows everything. 'It's quite simple,' he said, 'Strauss has two numbers too...'"

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WE hear from a teacher at Beersheba that he was preparing his class for a visit to the excavations. He told them how ancient cities had been destroyed and in due course new cities built on the same site until mounds and hillocks were formed. If you dig down into these mounds now, he explained, you can learn a great deal about the lives of the earliest inhabitants by the remnants you can still find. Of course, you can only find remains of things that do not decay even in thousands of years, he pointed out. Then, he asked the class what kinds of things do not decay, and so might be expected to turn up in the ruins. "Radios couldn't decay," answered the star pupil.

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THE floods in the plains have been no joke but that does not prevent peculiar things from happening in the middle of the grimmest situations. During the evacuation operations from a sea-bung near Tel Aviv a stout woman up to her knees in water stood wildly gesticulating and crying out "My child! My child!" A sailor in the rescue party plunged across to her shouting to ask where the child was. When she gave him no answer

he questioned her more slowly, how old was the child? How big? Where had she seen him last. "How old?" the woman sighed and glanced down at herself. "He is not born yet! Help me into the boat!"

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A FRIEND also tells us the following, though he does not vouch for its absolute truth. A taxi driver claims that by luck and good management he succeeded in driving down flooded Salameh Road without his engine stalling. Sheets of rain blotted out the road ahead, and he opened the window nearest his seat to see where he had got to. Just then he heard a rough foreign voice. He looked up to see a man in uniform on the bridge of a middling big ship, and heard him call out "Ei, you, is this the way to Haifa?"

Today's contributors include WOT, Jerusalem; W.W.N., Tel Aviv and E. Crohn, Nehariya.

Reminder to Western Olim

"Income Tax and The Citizen"

By Mr. H. SANDERSON

at Keren Hayesod Hall 32a Rehov Hayarkon, TEL AVIV.

TONIGHT 8.15

BARCLAYS BANK D.C.O.

(Incorporated in the United Kingdom with Limited Liability)

BALANCE SHEET AT SEPTEMBER 30, 1954

	£		£
Current Liabilities, Provisions and Other Accounts		**Assets**	
Current, deposit and other accounts, taxation based on profits to date, reserves for contingencies and balance of profit and loss	493,509,345	Cash in hand and balances with bankers	69,080,907
Balances in account with subsidiaries	109,213	Barclays Bank Limited (holding company) and fellow subsidiaries	10,785,488
Barclays Bank Limited (holding company) and fellow subsidiaries	361,340	Money at call and short notice	18,400,000
Proposed final dividend less income tax	204,001	Remittances in transit	8,685,540
Notes in circulation	640,758	Bills discounted	
Acceptances, guarantees, indemnities, etc., for account of customers	38,705,485	British and other Government Treasury Bills	62,700,925
	£81,530,212	Other bills	32,026,473
			94,726,398
		Investments at under cost and below market value:	
		Securities of, or guaranteed by, the British, Dominion and Colonial Governments (including securities lodged with the Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations as security for note issue and with others)	
		Quoted on London Stock Exchange	66,686,161
		Quoted on overseas stock exchanges	44,886,946
		Unquoted	504,674
			112,077,801
		Other investments	
		Quoted on London Stock Exchange	£ 984,192
		Quoted on overseas stock exchanges	5,845,990
			6,830,182
		Advances to customers and other accounts	183,484,917
		Customers' liability for acceptances, guarantees, indemnities, etc.	38,705,485
			536,834,768
		Investment in subsidiary:	
		Barclays Overseas Development Corporation Limited — 400,000 shares of £10 each fully paid at cost less amounts written off	5,000,000
		Investments in fellow subsidiaries at cost less amounts written off	814,168
		Bank premises at cost less amounts written off	8,308,393
			£553,307,087
Capital			
Authorised			
15,000,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	£15,000,000		
Issued			
10,776,875 Ordinary shares of £1 each, converted into stock	10,776,875		
Reserve Fund	10,000,000		
	£553,307,087		

NOTES: 1. Contracts for outstanding capital expenditure on premises amount to approximately £2,412,819.

2. Balances in all currencies have been expressed in sterling at the rates ruling on September 30, 1954.

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J. E. SCOTT *Chief Accountant*
C. F. S. PRINGLE *Secretary*

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BARCLAYS BANK D.C.O. We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion (a) proper books of account have been kept by the Bank so far as appears from our examination of those books; (b) proper returns adequate for the purposes of our audit have been received from the Branches not visited by us; (c) the securities and all records of the Bank are properly and safely preserved; (d) the control of the Bank over its Branches is adequate and its instructions to its employees in its Branches have been properly carried out. We have examined the above Balance Sheet which is in agreement with the books, accounts, vouchers and returns of the Bank. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us the said Accounts give, in the manner required, the information required of a Banking Company by the Companies Act, 1948; as authorised thereby the Balance Sheet does not show separately the aggregate amount of Reserves. On this basis in our opinion the Accounts give a true and fair view in the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of the Bank's affairs as at September 30, 1954.

DELOITTE, PLENDER, GRIFFITHS & CO., COOPER BROTHERS & CO., PRICE WATERHOUSE & CO., PEAT MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO.
Auditors

London, November 25, 1954.